

-ED-

We know that the past and past participle of regular verbs are formed by adding ED to the infinitive minus TO. Unfortunately the pronunciation is not so simple. Here are the rules:

ED = ID after T or D

*Want Wanted Want***id**
*Mend Mended Mend***id**

ED = T after S, SH, CH, F, K, P

*Push Pushed Push***t**
*Punch Punched Punch***t**
*Look Looked Look***t**
*Pop Popped Pop***t**

ED = D after all other letters

*Rain Rained Rain***d**
*Play Played Play***d**

To photograph**ph** (F)

To practic**ce** (S)

To us**se** (Z)

To cough**gh** (F)

To fax**x** (S)

-AGE-

Advant**age**

Aver**age**

Bagg**age**

Band**age**

Bever**age**

Block**age**

Break**age**

Cabb**age**

Carri**age**

Cartil**age**

Cleav**age**

Cott**age**

Cour**age**

Dam**age**

Drain**age**

Encour**age**

Gar**age**

Hemorrh**age**

Herit**age**

Host**age**

Im**age**

Langu**age**

Man**age**

Marri**age**

Mess**age**

Miscarri**age**

Mortg**age**

Pack**age**

Pass**age**

Percent**age**

Pilgrim**age**

Post**age**

Salv**age**

Saus**age**

Sew**age**

Stor**age**

Us**age**

Vill**age**

Volt**age**

Voy**age**

-MB-

Bomb

Lamb

Tom**b**

Dumb

Thumb

Clim**b**

Comb

Plum**ber**

Crum**b**

Lim**b**

Womb

Catacomb**b**

-BT-

*De**b**t*

*Dou**b**t*

*Su**b**tle*

-E-

at the end of a short word

AEIOU

Rat

Rate

Pet

Pete

Pin

Nine

Twin

Wine

Not

Note

Cut

Cute

Pronunciation of **"Y"** in English words

"Y" is pronounced either [ai] or [i:].

In a one-syllable word, "y" is pronounced [ai].

my

by

fly

shy

try

cry

fry

sky

In a two-syllable word, "y" is pronounced [i:].

party

puppy

candy

bunny

funny

pony

turkey

happy

cherry

tiny

penny

city

baby