# Helping teachers with the Pron Problem - <br> ... starting with '-ed’ 

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‘-ed’ appears across levels and categories
A2 - B1
B2-C1

| used | heard | listened | heaved | trampled | marginalised |
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| talked | chopped | stressed | crunched | published | balanced |

How many voiced and unvoiced sounds are there?

## Adrian Underhill's Phonemic Chart

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## When '-ed' is preceded by t or d: ‘ed’>/Id/ or /əd/

Listen:

| Waited wanted started | wasted | frustrated | affected |
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| Decided endedsucceeded | hooded | decoded | provided |

A2 lesson (methods of cooking and serving food) - adjectives roasted toasted melted

B2 lesson ( crime ) - passives
wanted arrested abducted absconded vindicated

## When '-ed’ is preceded by voiced sounds: 'ed’>/d/

Listen:
used phoned listened believed trampled marginalised

A2 lesson (methods of cooking and serving food) - adjectives boiled fried steamed strained microwaved stewed grilled

B2 lesson ( crime) - passives burgled mugged robbed questioned charged imprisoned tried

# When '-ed' is preceded by voiceless/unvoiced sounds: 'ed>/t/ 

Listen:
Talked worked stressed crunched published balanced

A2 lesson (methods of cooking and serving food) - adjectives baked sliced chopped washed whisked mashed

B2 lesson ( crime) - passives chased punched handcuffed frisked searched released

## We need to break up with ED!


-ed $>/ \mathrm{t} /$ or /d/ or /Id/ or /əd/ ?
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(1) Teach -ed pron at every opportunity in grammar / vocabulary lessons
(2) Teach -ed pron at every level when the opportunity arises


