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Pronunciation of –s and –ed Endings

	If the word ends in these sounds	The –s ending sounds like this	Examples
-s	/s/, /z/, /ʃ/, /ʒ/, /tʃ/, /dʒ/	/əz/	kisses, roses, bushes, catches, boxes, Mitch's
	Any voiced sound besides those listed above	/z/	boys, bags, pans, sees, runs, heads, homes, Bob's
	Any voiceless sound besides those listed above	/s/	boats, lakes, coughs, hits, hates, taps, Mike's

	If the word ends in these sounds	The –ed ending sounds like	Examples
-ed	/t/, d/	/əd/	waited, wanted, added, needed, chatted
	Any voiced sound besides those listed above	/d/	cried, played, robbed, buzzed, grabbed, moved, judged, planned
	Any voiceless sound besides those listed above	/t/	walked, passed, kissed, laughed, stopped, matched, washed