

## Past Tense Pronunciation Puzzles

The English past tense ending spelled -ed has three different pronunciations when words are pronounced carefully. What are the three pronunciations? Which words below represent each pronunciation? (HINT: There are 7 words in each category.)

picked  
loved  
washed  
landed  
swelled  
related  
pleased

laughed  
completed  
swiped  
judged  
delighted  
breathed  
intruded

carded  
trashed  
matched  
missed  
obeyed  
begged  
deleted

Pronunciation  
#1

Pronunciation  
#2

Pronunciation  
#3

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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Bonus: Explain what is unique about each pronunciation.