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Pronunciation of Regular Past Tense -ed Spoons Game

This set of cards (verbs that take the regular -d/-ed form in the past tense) can be used in a variety of ways. Students can sort the cards into the correct category based on the pronunciation of the -d/-ed ending. They can play a Memory-style game where they turn over two cards and see if the pronunciation of the final -d/-ed sound is the same. My students' favorite way to use them though is playing Spoons.

Materials required but not included: Spoons

(You'll need one fewer than the total number of people in each group; so if you have 28 students in groups of four, that's seven groups, three spoons per group, a total of 21 spoons)—[plastic spoons](#) can be used, but I highly recommend using [metal spoons](#). The plastic ones tend to break with more energetic groups and can have sharp edges when they do. You can get cheap metal spoons at dollar stores, Salvation Army, Good Will, garage sales, and a host of other places.

Preparation:

1. Print the cards, you'll need one set for each group. I highly recommend printing on heavy [cardstock](#) and laminating them for durability ([cold lamination](#) is great and does not peel when cut through). They will get a bit beat up in this game. I also recommend printing each set of cards on a different color of cardstock. This will help you know which set a card belongs to when you find it on the floor later.
2. Place students in groups of 3-4.
3. Give each group a set of cards and spoons (one less spoon than the number of students in the group).

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Object: Try to collect a set of four cards that share the same pronunciation of the final -d/-ed sound. Once a set is collected, that player takes a spoon from the center of the table (he/she can be sneaky about it, taking the spoon and continuing to play). After one player has taken a spoon, all other players race to get a spoon as well. The player without a spoon gets a letter. Any player who spells S-P-O-O-N is out. The last player standing is the winner.

How to play Spoons:

1. Place the spoons in the center of the group, use one less spoon than the number of people in the group (so a group of four students would use three spoons).
2. Deal out four cards to each player. Players look at their own cards but no one else's.
3. Place all remaining cards in a face-down pile next to the dealer.
4. The dealer picks up the top card, looks at it, and decides to keep it or pass it.
5. The dealer passes 1 card (either the one from the pile or one from his/her hand) to the person on his/her right.
6. As cards are passed, students look at them one at a time, and pass one card (either the one viewed or one from the hand) to the next player. The last player places the cards in a discard pile next to him/her.
7. If the draw pile runs out, pause and reshuffle the discard pile to form a new draw pile.
8. Once a player has collected a set of four cards that all have the same pronunciation of the final -d/-ed sound, he/she takes a spoon from the center of the table. It is acceptable, even encouraged, to be sneaky about it, continuing to play if no one sees the player do it.
9. After one player has taken a spoon, all other players race to grab a spoon as well.
10. One player will not be able to grab a spoon. That player receives a letter.
11. If the original player who took a spoon makes a mistake (one or more of his/her cards does not have the same -d/-ed pronunciation), he/she also receives a letter.
12. Any player who collects all of the letters to spell S-P-O-O-N is out of the game.
13. The last player in the game is the winner.

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Alternative play: Have a group of students that is not quite as competitive, or just prefer a less energetic game? Try these alternate rules.

Object: Collect pronunciation sets (four cards with the same pronunciation of the -d/-ed ending) and be the player with the lowest score at the end of the game.

How to Play:

1. Shuffle the cards and deal out four cards to each player. Players may look at their own cards only. Place remaining cards face down in the center of the table. Turn the top card over, place it face up next to the draw pile to form a discard pile.
2. The first player takes a card to form a hand of four cards. He/she may choose the top card from either the discard or draw pile.
3. The first player discards a card to bring his/her hand back down to three cards.
4. The second player then takes his/her turn by taking and discarding a card.
5. When a player has collected a pronunciation set, he/she lays down all four cards in front of him/her and discards a final time.
6. If the player was correct, and all his/her cards have the same final -d/-ed pronunciation, all remaining players get one more turn to try and form a set. If the player was not correct, he/she picks up his/her cards again and play resumes.
7. Once a player successfully compiles a set, and the final round is played, score the round by giving players points for the four cards remaining in their hand:
 - The first card of a particular sound = 1 point
 - The second card of a particular sound = 2 points
 - The third card of a particular sound = 3 pointsAny player who successfully collects set scores zero points for the round.
The player with the lowest score at the end of the game is the winner.

Sp00ns!

Accepted

Sp00ns!

Accused

Sp00ns!

Admitted

Sp00ns!

Adopted

Sp00ns!

Advised

Sp00ns!

Affected

Sp00ns!

Afforded

Sp00ns!

Agreed

Sp00ns!

Allowed

Sp00ns!

Announced

Sp00ns!

Annoyed

Sp00ns!

Answered

Sp00ns!

Appeared

Sp00ns!

Appreciated

Sp00ns!

Argued

Sp00ns!

Arranged

Sp00ns!

Arrived

Sp00ns!

Asked

Sp00ns!

Assisted

Sp00ns!

Attacked

Sp00ns!

Attempted

Sp00ns!

Attended

Sp00ns!

Avoided

Sp00ns!

Baked

Sp00ns!

Begged

Sp00ns!

Believed

Sp00ns!

Belonged

Sp00ns!

Borrowed

Sp00ns!

Bounded

Sp00ns!

Braked

Sp00ns!

Brushed

Sp00ns!

Burned

Sp00ns!

Called

Sp00ns!

Carried

Sp00ns!

Challenged

Sp00ns!

Changed

Sp00ns!

Chatted

Sp00ns!

Cheated

Sp00ns!

Checked

Sp00ns!

Claimed

Sp00ns!

Cleaned

Sp00ns!

Cleared

Sp00ns!

Climbed

Sp00ns!

Closed

Sp00ns!

Coexisted

Sp00ns!

Collected

Sp00ns!

Compared

Sp00ns!

Completed

Sp00ns!

Concocted

Sp00ns!

Confessed

Sp00ns!

Connected

Sp00ns!

Considered

Sp00ns!

Contracted

Sp00ns!

Continued

Sp00ns!

Cooked

Sp00ns!

Copied

Sp00ns!

Coughed

Sp00ns!

Counted

Sp00ns!

Covered

Sp00ns!

Cracked

Sp00ns!

Crashed

Sp00ns!

Created

Sp00ns!

Crossed

Sp00ns!

Cried

Sp00ns!

Damaged

Sp00ns!

Danced

Sp00ns!

Decided

Sp00ns!

Defended

Sp00ns!

Demanded

Sp00ns!

Described

Sp00ns!

Designed

Sp00ns!

Destroyed

Sp00ns!

Developed

Sp00ns!

Died

Sp00ns!

Disappointed

Sp00ns!

Discovered

Sp00ns!

Discussed

Sp00ns!

Disregarded

Sp00ns!

Divided

Sp00ns!

Dressed

Sp00ns!

Dropped

Sp00ns!

Dried

Sp00ns!

Earned

Sp00ns!

Embarrassed

Sp00ns!

Emigrated

Sp00ns!

Encouraged

Sp00ns!

Ended

Sp00ns!

Enjoyed

Sp00ns!

Entered

Sp00ns!

Escaped

Sp00ns!

Examined

Sp00ns!

Excited

Sp00ns!

Expanded

Sp00ns!

Expected

Sp00ns!

Explained

Sp00ns!

Explored

Sp00ns!

Exported

Sp00ns!

Filled

Sp00ns!

Finished

Sp00ns!

Fished

Sp00ns!

Fixed

Sp00ns!

Flooded

Sp00ns!

Flushed

Sp00ns!

Followed

Sp00ns!

Forced

Sp00ns!

Glued

Sp00ns!

Grabbed

Sp00ns!

Graded

Sp00ns!

Graduated

Sp00ns!

Grounded

Sp00ns!

Guarded

Sp00ns!

Guessed

Sp00ns!

Happened

Sp00ns!

Harmed

Sp00ns!

Hated

Sp00ns!

Healed

Sp00ns!

Heated

Sp00ns!

Helped

Sp00ns!

Hesitated

Sp00ns!

Hiked

Sp00ns!

Hired

Sp00ns!

Hoped

Sp00ns!

Hugged

Sp00ns!

Hunted

Sp00ns!

Hurried

Sp00ns!

Imagined

Sp00ns!

Impressed

Sp00ns!

Improved

Sp00ns!

Included

Sp00ns!

Increased

Sp00ns!

Influenced

Sp00ns!

Insisted

Sp00ns!

Interested

Sp00ns!

Interrupted

Sp00ns!

Interviewed

Sp00ns!

Introduced

Sp00ns!

Invented

Sp00ns!

Investigated

Sp00ns!

Invited

Sp00ns!

Jailed

Sp00ns!

Joined

Sp00ns!

Joked

Sp00ns!

Judged

Sp00ns!

Jumped

Sp00ns!

Kicked

Sp00ns!

Killed

Sp00ns!

Kissed

Sp00ns!

Knocked

Sp00ns!

Landed

Sp00ns!

Lasted

Sp00ns!

Laughed

Sp00ns!

Learned

Sp00ns!

Liked

Sp00ns!

Lied

Sp00ns!

Listened

Sp00ns!

Lived

Sp00ns!

Locked

Sp00ns!

Looked

Sp00ns!

Loved

Sp00ns!

Mailed

Sp00ns!

Managed

Sp00ns!

Married

Sp00ns!

Matched

Sp00ns!

Measured

Sp00ns!

Minded

Sp00ns!

Missed

Sp00ns!

Mixed

Sp00ns!

Moved

Sp00ns!

Needed

Sp00ns!

Noticed

Sp00ns!

Observed

Sp00ns!

Opened

Sp00ns!

Outsmarted

Sp00ns!

Overreacted

Sp00ns!

Packed

Sp00ns!

Painted

Sp00ns!

Passed

Sp00ns!

Paused

Sp00ns!

Phoned

Sp00ns!

Picked

Sp00ns!

Planned

Sp00ns!

Planted

Sp00ns!

Played

Sp00ns!

Practiced

Sp00ns!

Praised

Sp00ns!

Preferred

Sp00ns!

Performed

Sp00ns!

Presented

Sp00ns!

Pressed

Sp00ns!

Pretended

Sp00ns!

Printed

Sp00ns!

Proceeded

Sp00ns!

Promised

Sp00ns!

Pronounced

Sp00ns!

Protected

Sp00ns!

Provided

Sp00ns!

Pulled

Sp00ns!

Punched

Sp00ns!

Punished

Sp00ns!

Pushed

Sp00ns!

Questioned

Sp00ns!

Rained

Sp00ns!

Raised

Sp00ns!

Rated

Sp00ns!

Reached

Sp00ns!

Realized

Sp00ns!

Received

Sp00ns!

Recommended

Sp00ns!

Reduced

Sp00ns!

Refused

Sp00ns!

Regretted

Sp00ns!

Rehearsed

Sp00ns!

Rejected

Sp00ns!

Relaxed

Sp00ns!

Remembered

Sp00ns!

Reminded

Sp00ns!

Rented

Sp00ns!

Repaired

Sp00ns!

Repeated

Sp00ns!

Reported

Sp00ns!

Requested

Sp00ns!

Rescued

Sp00ns!

Respected

Sp00ns!

Rested

Sp00ns!

Ripped

Sp00ns!

Robbed

Sp00ns!

Rushed

Sp00ns!

Saved

Sp00ns!

Scolded

Sp00ns!

Scrubbed

Sp00ns!

Searched

Sp00ns!

Seemed

Sp00ns!

Shared

Sp00ns!

Shaved

Sp00ns!

Shopped

Sp00ns!

Shouted

Sp00ns!

Showed

Sp00ns!

Shrugged

Sp00ns!

Signed

Sp00ns!

Skated

Sp00ns!

Slammed

Sp00ns!

Slapped

Sp00ns!

Smoked

Sp00ns!

Snatched

Sp00ns!

Sneezed

Sp00ns!

Snowed

Sp00ns!

Sorted

Sp00ns!

Sounded

Sp00ns!

Stalked

Sp00ns!

Started

Sp00ns!

Stated

Sp00ns!

Stayed

Sp00ns!

Stepped

Sp00ns!

Stored

Sp00ns!

Strolled

Sp00ns!

Succeeded

Sp00ns!

Sued

Sp00ns!

Suggested

Sp00ns!

Talked

Sp00ns!

Tanked

Sp00ns!

Tasted

Sp00ns!

Teased

Sp00ns!

Touched

Sp00ns!

Toured

Sp00ns!

Traded

Sp00ns!

Traveled

Sp00ns!

Treated

Sp00ns!

Tripped

Sp00ns!

Tried

Sp00ns!

Turned

Sp00ns!

Twisted

Sp00ns!

Typed

Sp00ns!

Used

Sp00ns!

Visited

Sp00ns!

Voted

Sp00ns!

Waited

Sp00ns!

Walked

Sp00ns!

Wanted

Sp00ns!

Warned

Sp00ns!

Wished

Sp00ns!

Wondered

Sp00ns!

Worked

Sp00ns!

Worried

Sp00ns!

Wrapped

Sp00ns!

Yawned

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accept	accepted	/id/
accuse	accused	/d/
admit	admitted	/id/
adopt	adopted	/id/
advise	advised	/d/
affect	affected	/id/
afford	afforded	/id/
agree	agreed	/d/
allow	allowed	/d/
announce	announced	/t/
annoy	annoyed	/d/
answer	answered	/d/
appear	appeared	/d/
appreciate	appreciated	/id/
argue	argued	/d/
arrange	arranged	/d/
arrive	arrived	/d/
ask	asked	/t/
assist	assisted	/id/
attack	attacked	/t/
attempt	attempted	/id/
attend	attended	/id/
avoid	avoided	/id/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
bake	baked	/t/
beg	begged	/d/
believe	believed	/d/
belong	belonged	/d/
borrow	borrowed	/d/
bound	bounded	/id/
brake	braked	/t/
brush	brushed	/t/
burn	burned	/d/
call	called	/d/
carry	carried	/d/
challenge	challenged	/d/
change	changed	/d/
chat	chatted	/id/
cheat	cheated	/id/
check	checked	/t/
claim	claimed	/d/
clean	cleaned	/d/
clear	cleared	/d/
climb	climbed	/d/
close	closed	/d/
coexist	coexisted	/id/
collect	collected	/id/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
compare	compared	/d/
complete	completed	/id/
concoct	concocted	/id/
confess	confessed	/t/
connect	connected	/id/
consider	considered	/d/
contact	contacted	/id/
continue	continued	/d/
cook	cooked	/t/
copy	copied	/d/
cough	coughed	/t/
count	counted	/id/
cover	covered	/d/
crack	cracked	/t/
crash	crashed	/t/
create	created	/id/
cross	crossed	/t/
cry	cried	/d/
damage	damaged	/d/
dance	danced	/t/
decide	decided	/id/
defend	defended	/id/
demand	demanded	/id/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
describe	described	/d/
design	designed	/d/
destroy	destroyed	/d/
develop	developed	/t/
die	died	/d/
disappoint	disappointed	/id/
discover	discovered	/d/
discuss	discussed	/t/
disregard	disregarded	/id/
divide	divided	/id/
dress	dressed	/t/
drop	dropped	/t/
dry	dried	/d/
earn	earned	/d/
embarrass	embarrassed	/t/
emigrate	emigrated	/id/
encourage	encouraged	/d/
end	ended	/id/
enjoy	enjoyed	/d/
enter	entered	/d/
escape	escaped	/t/
examine	examined	/d/
excite	excited	/id/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
expand	expanded	/id/
expect	expected	/id/
explain	explained	/d/
explore	explored	/d/
export	exported	/id/
fill	filled	/d/
finish	finished	/t/
fish	fished	/t/
fix	fixed	/t/
flood	flooded	/id/
flush	flushed	/t/
follow	followed	/d/
force	forced	/t/
flue	glued	/d/
grab	grabbed	/d/
grade	graded	/id/
graduate	graduated	/id/
ground	grounded	/id/
guard	guarded	/id/
guess	guessed	/t/
happen	happened	/d/
harm	harmed	/d/
hate	hated	/id/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
heal	healed	/d/
heat	heated	/id/
help	helped	/t/
hesitate	hesitated	/id/
hike	hiked	/t/
hire	hired	/d/
hope	hoped	/t/
hug	hugged	/d/
hunt	hunted	/id/
hurry	hurried	/d/
imagine	imagined	/d/
impress	impressed	/t/
improve	improved	/d/
include	included	/id/
increase	increased	/t/
influence	influenced	/t/
insist	insisted	/id/
interest	interested	/id/
interrupt	interrupted	/id/
interview	interviewed	/d/
introduce	introduced	/t/
invent	invented	/id/
investigate	investigated	/id/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
invite	invited	/id/
jail	jailed	/d/
join	joined	/d/
joke	joked	/t/
judge	judged	/d/
jump	jumped	/t/
kick	kicked	/t/
kill	killed	/d/
kiss	kissed	/t/
knock	knocked	/t/
land	landed	/id/
last	lasted	/id/
laugh	laughed	/t/
learn	learned	/d/
lie	lied	/d/
like	liked	/t/
listen	listened	/d/
live	lived	/d/
lock	locked	/t/
look	looked	/t/
love	loved	/d/
mail	mailed	/d/
manage	managed	/d/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
marry	married	/d/
match	matched	/t/
measure	measured	/d/
mind	minded	/id/
miss	missed	/t/
mix	mixed	/t/
move	moved	/d/
need	needed	/id/
notice	noticed	/t/
observe	observed	/d/
open	opened	/d/
outsmart	outsmarted	/id/
overreact	overreacted	/id/
pack	packed	/t/
paint	painted	/id/
pass	passed	/t/
pause	paused	/d/
phone	phoned	/d/
pick	picked	/t/
plan	planned	/d/
plant	planted	/id/
play	played	/d/
practice	practiced	/t/

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praise	praised	/d/
prefer	preferred	/d/
perform	performed	/d/
present	presented	/id/
press	pressed	/t/
pretend	pretended	/id/
print	printed	/id/
proceed	proceeded	/id/
promise	promised	/t/
pronounce	pronounced	/t/
protect	protected	/id/
provide	provided	/id/
pull	pulled	/d/
punch	punched	/t/
punish	punished	/t/
push	pushed	/t/
question	questioned	/d/
rain	rained	/d/
raise	raised	/d/
rate	rated	/id/
reach	reached	/t/
realize	realized	/d/
receive	received	/d/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
recommend	recommended	/id/
reduce	reduced	/t/
refuse	refused	/d/
regret	regretted	/id/
rehearse	rehearsed	/t/
reject	rejected	/id/
relax	relaxed	/t/
remember	remembered	/d/
remind	reminded	/id/
rent	rented	/id/
repair	repaired	/d/
repeat	repeated	/id/
report	reported	/id/
request	requested	/id/
rescue	rescued	/d/
respect	respected	/id/
rest	rested	/id/
rip	ripped	/t/
rob	robbed	/d/
rush	rushed	/t/
save	saved	/d/
scold	scolded	/id/
scrub	scrubbed	/d/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
search	searched	/t/
seem	seemed	/d/
share	shared	/d/
shave	shaved	/d/
shop	shopped	/t/
shout	shouted	/id/
show	showed	/d/
shrug	shrugged	/d/
sign	signed	/d/
skate	skated	/id/
slam	slammed	/d/
slap	slapped	/t/
smoke	smoked	/t/
snatch	snatched	/t/
sneeze	sneezed	/d/
snow	snowed	/d/
sort	sorted	/id/
sound	sounded	/id/
stalk	stalked	/t/
start	started	/id/
state	stated	/id/
stay	stayed	/d/
step	stepped	/t/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
store	stored	/d/
stroll	strolled	/d/
succeed	succeeded	/id/
sue	sued	/d/
suggest	suggested	/id/
talk	talked	/t/
tank	tanked	/t/
taste	tasted	/id/
tease	teased	/d/
touch	touched	/t/
tour	toured	/d/
trade	traded	/id/
travel	traveled	/d/
treat	treated	/id/
trip	tripped	/t/
try	tried	/d/
turn	turned	/d/
twist	twisted	/id/
type	typed	/t/
use	used	/d/
visit	visited	/id/
vote	voted	/id/
wait	waited	/id/

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walk	walked	/t/
want	wanted	/id/
warn	warned	/d/
wash	washed	/t/
waste	wasted	/id/
watch	watched	/t/
wave	waved	/d/
weigh	weighed	/d/
welcome	welcomed	/d/
whisper	whispered	/d/
wish	wished	/t/
wonder	wondered	/d/
work	worked	/t/
worry	worried	/d/
wrap	wrapped	/t/
yawn	yawned	/d/