

**Pronouncing “ed” verbs**

If the verb has a 'd' or a 't' sound before 'ed' you pronounce the ED. Examples: wanted, dated, lasted, ended

If it doesn't, don't pronounce an extra syllable. There are exceptions. Some verbs ending in 'k' sound the 'ed'. EX: kicked you don't pronounce ED, but wicked we do.

Some words end in a T sound rather than a D sound. EX: laughed, hoped, washed

Practice pronouncing these words. Then make a short sentence with the words.

ED	T	D
wanted	helped	called
needed	looked	cleaned
started	washed	offered
painted	asked	loved
crooked	worked	used
wicked	blessed	followed
waited	kissed	learned
sounded	talked	lived
ended	reached	begged
decided	liked	dressed

**You know a bear is a big animal with brown or black fur that can eat you. But we also use the word “bear” as a verb. Read and discuss these definitions.**

To “bear” something means either to carry it. *The waiter entered bearing a tray with champagne glasses.*

To “bear” something can also mean to endure it. *I can't bear to watch any more baseball on TV. I couldn't bear it if I knew I couldn't be with my family for the next five years.*

If you say something is a real bear, you mean it is difficult. *This problem is a real bear. We've tried to solve it for years.*

If you bear down, you try hard. *I'm going to bear down next semester and make straight A's.*

If you bear down on something, you press hard on it. *When you sign your name, bear down because you are making 3 copies.*

If you bear left or right, you turn that way. *Bear left when you come to the intersection.*

If you bear with, you are patient with. *Bear with us while we set up the projector.*

**There are many idioms with “bear”. Read and discuss the ones below.**

If you **bear arms**, you possess a weapon. *EX: A citizen of the U.S. may bear arms to protect himself.*  
Things that **bear fruit** give satisfactory results. *EX: Our plan for getting a job did not bear fruit. No one would hire us.*

If you **bear something in mind**, you stay aware of it. *EX: Bear in mind that Mother will be coming with us to the theatre.*

If you **bear the brunt of something**, you endure the worst part of it. *EX: The mayor bore the brunt of the criticism.*

If you **grin and bear it**, you endure something unpleasant with a smile. *EX: The boys will probably tease you about this outfit. Just grin and bear it.*

If someone gives you a **bear hug**, they give you a strong embrace. *EX: Jeff is a big man and he comes into the room and gives me a bear hug. It really frightens me a little bit.*

If you **bear a grudge**, you remain angry with someone for a long time. *EX: Amy still bears a grudge because I criticized her for dating older men.*

### **DISCUSS**

1-Do you think everyone should be allowed to bear arms? Is it legal to bear arms in your country?

2-Do people give bear hugs frequently in your country? Do you feel uncomfortable when someone gives you a bear hug, or does it make you feel loved?

3-Finish this sentence: Bear in mind that if you live in the US, you will probably...

4-Do you know who Smokey the Bear is? What does Smokey want you to do?