

FUMC ESL 9-28-2026 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Do you think some people are naturally good at math? Are you one of those people? What school subject were you naturally good at?

Grammar: PRONOUNCING ED VERBS

Regular verbs end in ED. There are 3 ways to pronounce verbs that end in ED. Sometimes you pronounce the ED like another syllable. EX: needed, wanted, sounded, started. painted, hated

But in some ED verbs, you don't pronounce the ED. Sometimes you make a D sound at the end of the verb. EX: called, cleaned, used, enjoyed. Sometimes you make a T sound at the end of the word. EX: fixed, kicked, stopped, helped, looked, watched

There are rules about how to pronounce the ED in verbs, but the best way to learn is to practice hearing them.

Read these sentences and pronounce the verbs correctly. Tell whether you hear ED, D or T

1. She **loved** her teddy bear. They **danced** all night. Sam **asked** the teacher for a tissue.
2. Jim **wanted** a new car. Devin **cheated** on the test. We **waited** for the movie to start.
3. It **started** to rain. She **needed** new shoes. The movie **ended** at midnight.
4. She **accepted** the trophy. We **saved** all our money. He **turned** on the lights.
5. The baby **cried** all night. The nurse **weighed** the baby. The engine **sounded** loud.
6. We **addressed** the letter to my grandmother. She **arrived** at 9 PM. Mother **cleaned** the floors.
7. The manager **counted** the money. They **voted** for the president. He **listened** to the teacher.
8. The fireman **rescued** the child. The police **questioned** the driver. They **decided** to give the driver a ticket.
9. The plane **landed** safely. The stewardess **opened** the doors. The people **shouted** for help.
10. She **cooked** a lot of food for the party. Everyone **laughed** at the funny costumes. The party **lasted** five hours.

11. They **finished** the decorations. They **practiced** the dances. They **talked** to the children.

12. We **attended** school in Chicago. We **hated** the cold weather. We **stayed** there for many years.

13. She **pushed** the baby carriage. I **watched** the baby carefully. She **cleaned** up the house while we were gone.

14. Mother **cooked** a nice dinner. She **used** all the chicken. For dessert, she **baked** a cake.

15- They **argued** about where to go. They finally **decided** to fly to Spain. They **enjoyed** Spain.

Discuss:

1-What do you think is the perfect age? Why?

2-Some movie stars say **the price of fame** is too high. What do they mean? What problems do movie stars have because of their fame? Would you like to be famous?

3-Do you believe cheaper price equals cheaper quality? For example, would you pay more for organic food at the grocery store? Would you buy a more expensive car?

4-A **stumbling block** is something that prevents you from accomplishing what you want. For example, if you can't make friends here because your English is poor, your language is a stumbling block. Talk about something you have experienced as a stumbling block.

5-Are two heads better than one? In other words are you likely to get a better outcome if you work with a partner than if you work alone? Do you prefer working with a partner, or do you like to work alone.

6-I couldn't fix my bicycle, so I turned to my next door neighbor to help me. He's **an old hand** at bike repair because he used to own a bicycle shop. What are you an old hand at?

7-My mother was moving to a smaller apartment. She was getting rid of a lot of her artwork. She asked my sister and I to come by and pick out any of her artwork that we might like to have. I got **the short end of the stick** because I had to work late and couldn't get there until 9 o'clock. My sister arrived at 5 and got the first pick of everything. Explain how the author got the short end of the stick. Talk about a time when you got the short end of the stick.

8-I struggle to learn to play music, but my son **has a knack** for music. He taught himself to play the guitar in a few days. Talk about something you have a knack for.