

<Ed> Endings

Write /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/ below each <ed> ending to show how it is pronounced. Check your answers in pairs or groups. Then read the passage aloud.

Howard's Morning

The clock radio played soft music, but it sounded far away to Howard. At last, he opened his eyes, rolled over and looked at the clock. He turned away and started to go back to sleep when suddenly he realized that it was already eight o'clock. He was late. He jumped out of bed, quickly shaved, brushed his teeth, combed his hair, and got dressed. He'd wanted to take a shower, but decided that there wasn't enough time. He rushed down the stairs and into the kitchen. He hated being late. Hurriedly, he fixed breakfast – coffee and a toasted English muffin (no time for his usual fried egg) - and raced out the door. He started his car and had just pulled out the driveway when the thought popped into his mind: it was Saturday; he didn't have to go to work after all. He slowly returned, climbed the stairs, changed his clothes, and went back to bed again.

Reading for <s> Ending

Write /s/, /z/ or /ɪz/ below the <(e)s> ending of each word to show how it is pronounced. Check your answers in pairs or groups.

Laundry Time

Liz hateses doing the laundry. She realizeses that four weeks have passed since her last trip to the Laundromat. There are piless of clothess in the closetss, the sheetss and towelss are dirty, she's been wearing the same pair of blue jeanss for nine days, and she doesn't have any clean sockss or blousess left. She thinkss about it while she watchess one of her favourite TV showss. She wishess she didn't have to do such choress. Then she openss a book, turnss the pagess and triess to study. The phone rings: one of Liz's friendss remindss her about Sally's party tomorrow evening. She decidess that it's now or never. She can't go to the party unless she washess one of her new dressess. She stuffss all her clothess into two laundry bagss. She stripss the bed and pullss the pillowcases off the pillowss. She goess through the apartment, picking up everything in sight. Finally, she grabss some coat hangerss, two boxess of detergent, and her keyss, and closess the door behind her. She hopess she won't be too late. She arrivess at the Laundromat, carriess in all her belongingss, and searchess for some empty machiness. But they're all either in use or out of order. She sighss, pickss up everything, and drivess to the local video store to rent a couple of filmss.