

The American T (Part 1)

T is T at the beginning of a word

The pronunciation of T doesn't change when it is found at the beginning of a word.

Touch **T**all **T**rim **T**aser **T**ell

Read the sentence:

1. The tree is ten times taller than Tom.

Now the T sound replaces the D sound in the past tense after an unvoiced consonant sound such as **f, k, p, s, ch, sh, th** except for **T**.

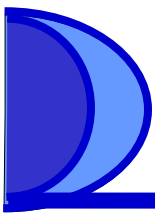
Examples:

parked [park**t**]

wished [wish**t**]

hoped [hou**p**t]

touched [touch**t**]



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The following are some of the exceptions to this rule:

Wicked

crooked

Naked

T is D in the middle of the word

The pronunciation of T changes to D when it is found in the middle of the word.

city [ci**d**i]

letter [le**d**der]

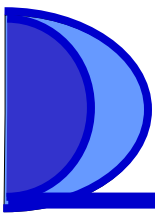
bottle [ba**d**d]

meter [mee**d**r]

Read the sentences:

1. Peter went to the city to buy a metal gutter.
2. The computer's data were hacked.

Give 3 words with T in the middle and then use each in a sentence.



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T is held at the end of the word

The sound of T is held when it is found at the end of a word. (Almost not pronounced)

Hot

nut

Right

point

Read the sentences:

1. Please wait right there.
2. She hit it with a hat.

Practice:

Top

Middle

Bottom

Task

meter

hot

Talent

motto

puppet

Teacher

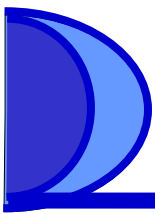
totem

bright

Team

water

pocket



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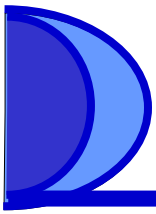
QUIZ!

A. Choose the right word. (T in the middle)

1. I was _____ when my mom came into the room.
(writing/riding)
2. My mom hang my _____ on the wall. (medals/metals)
3. The _____ of the film is The Great Wave. (title/tidal)
4. Some historians claim that _____ Japan is the most interesting period of the country. (Futile/Feudal)
5. The baking pan has good features like non-stick _____. (coding/coating)

B. Spelling (T at the end of a word)

1. /'dʒæk.pɒt/ = _____ (lottery)
2. /'rækɪt/ = _____ (play tennis)
3. /'dʒækɪt/ = _____ (cold weather)
4. /'plʌmɪt/ = _____ (fall down)



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5. /'bʌkɪt/ = _____ (use for carrying liquid)