

PRONUNCIATION OF S/ES



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Plural Nouns - Verbs in Third Person

The pronunciation of words ending in S depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce the S:

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SIBILANT

C	races
S	buses
X	boxes
Z	prizes
SS	kisses
CH	watches
SH	dishes
GE	changes

Sibilant Sound
a hissing or
buzzing sound

/s/

VOICELESS

P	sleeps
K	books
T	hats
F	cliff
PH	graphs
TH	myths

Voiced Sound
uses the vocal cords
and it produces a
vibration or humming
sound in the throat

/z/

VOICED

B	crabs
D	words
G	bags
L	deals
M	dreams
N	fans
NG	sings
R	wears
V	gloves
Y	plays

TICK. WHAT'S THE CORRECT SOUND?

/s/

/z/

/ɪz/

lives			
makes			
invites			
works			
wishes			
stays			
does			
washes			
has			
stops			
watches			
goes			
pays			
says			
enjoys			