



Pronunciation of S

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:

/ɪz/ SIBILANT	/s/ VOICELESS	/z/ VOICED
C races S buses X boxes Z prizes SS kisses CH watches SH dishes GE changes	P sleeps K books T hats F cliff PH graphs TH myths	B crabs D words G bags L deals M dreams N fans NG sings R wears V gloves Y plays
Sibilant Sound a hissing or buzzing sound	Voiced Sound uses the vocal cords and it produces a vibration or humming sound in the throat	



Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently.

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| 1. A. proofs | B. books | C. points | D. days |
| 2. A. asks | B. breathes | C. breaths | D. hopes |
| 3. A. sees | B. sports | C. pools | D. trains |
| 4. A. tombs | B. lamps | C. brakes | D. invites |
| 5. A. books | B. floors | C. combs | D. drums |
| 6. A. cats | B. tapes | C. rides | D. cooks |
| 7. A. walks | B. begins | C. helps | D. cuts |
| 8. A. shoots | B. grounds | C. concentrates | D. forests |
| 9. A. helps | B. laughs | C. cooks | D. finds |
| 10. A. hours | B. fathers | C. dreams | D. thinks |
| 11. A. beds | B. doors | C. plays | D. students |
| 12. A. arms | B. suits | C. chairs | D. boards |
| 13. A. boxes | B. classes | C. potatoes | D. finishes |
| 14. A. relieves | B. invents | C. buys | D. deals |
| 15. A. dreams | B. heals | C. kills | D. tasks |