

PRACTICE

/s/ and /z/

4.2 Complete this conversation using words from the box. Then listen and check.

eyes ice niece knees

A16

SID: Alice's niece is nice.

JOE: Are nice, Sid. Plural. Her are nice.

SID: I'm not talking about her eyes, I'm talking about her knees !

JOE: Oh, I see, ice with a C.

SID: That's right. She has nice eyes.

JOE: How can ice be nice? It's too cold.

SID: Not ice, you fool! eyes : E-Y-E-S!



4.3 Listen to the sentences. Look at the words in *italics*. Underline the words in *italics* which contain the sound /s/ and circle the ones which contain the sound /z/. Then listen again and repeat.

A17

EXAMPLE You can have my tent. It's no use to me. I never use it.

1 I'm not going to *advise* you. You never *take* my *advice*.

2 Your tooth is *loose*. You'll *lose* it if you're not careful.

3 The shop's very *close* to home, and it *doesn't close* till late.

4 I can't *excuse* people who drop litter. There's no *excuse* for it.

4.4 Listen and circle the word you hear. If you find any of these difficult, go to Section D *Sound pairs* for further practice.

A18

1 Price or prize? I got a good *price* / *prize* for that painting.

(⇒sound pair 31)

2 He sat or he's at? I don't know where *he sat* / *he's at*.

(⇒sound pair 31)

3 Suit or shoot? They didn't *suit* / *shoot* him.

(⇒sound pair 32)

4 Saved or shaved? I've *saved* / *shaved* a lot in the past few days.

(⇒sound pair 32)

5 Sink or think? We didn't *sink* / *think*.

(⇒sound pair 33)

6 Closed or clothed? They were *closed* / *clothed* for the cold weather.

(⇒sound pair 33)