

| SPELLING OF FINAL S/ES                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| a. visit → visits<br>speak → speaks<br>b. ride → rides<br>write → writes             | Final <b>-s</b> , not <b>-es</b> , is added to <b>most verbs</b> .<br><b>INCORRECT:</b> visites, speaks<br><br>Many verbs end in <b>-e</b> . Final <b>-s</b> is simply added.                                                          |
| c. catch → catches<br>wash → washes<br>miss → misses<br>fix → fixes<br>buzz → buzzes | Final <b>-es</b> is added to words that end in <b>-ch, -sh, -s, -x, and -z</b> .<br><b>PRONUNCIATION NOTE:</b> Final <b>-es</b> is pronounced /əz/ and adds a syllable.*                                                               |
| d. fly → flies<br>e. pay → pays                                                      | If a word ends in a consonant + <b>-y</b> , change the <b>-y</b> to <b>-i</b> and add <b>-es</b> .<br><b>INCORRECT:</b> flys<br><br>If a word ends in a vowel + <b>-y</b> , simply add <b>-s</b> .<br><b>INCORRECT:</b> paies or payes |
| f. go → goes<br>do → does<br>have → has                                              | The singular forms of the verbs go, do, and have are irregular.                                                                                                                                                                        |

\*Vowels = a, e, i, o, u.

Consonants = all other letters in the alphabet.

### EXERCISE Simple present verbs: using final s-es.

Directions: Rewrite the verb in each sentence. **Add final s/es to the verb if necessary.** Do not change any other words. Some numbers have more than a verb.

1. A dog bark. \_\_\_\_\_ barks \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dogs bark. \_\_\_\_\_ bark \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Wood float on water. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Rivers flow toward the sea. \_\_\_\_\_
5. My mother worry about me. \_\_\_\_\_
6. A student buy a lot of books at the beginning of each term. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Airplanes fly all around the world. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mr. Wong teach Chinese at the university. \_\_\_\_\_

9. The teacher ask us a lot of questions in class every day. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Mr. Andy watch game shows on TV every evening. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Music consist of pleasant sounds. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Cats usually sleep eighteen hours a day. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The front page of a newspaper contain the most important news of the day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Water freeze at 32°F (0°C) and boil at 212°F (100°C). \_\_\_\_\_
15. Mrs. Taylor never cross the street in the middle of a block. She always walk to  
the corner and use the pedestrian walkway. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Many parts of the world enjoy four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter.  
Each season last three months and bring changes in the weather. \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. There are many students in the field on Monday. They have flag ceremony and  
every student wear a set of uniform. If a student forget to bring the uniform,  
he/she get punishment. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Risa is a helpful girl. After dinner she always help her mom. She feel happy if she  
can help her mom. \_\_\_\_\_
19. A lion eat meat because it is a carnivore. On the other hand a cow eat leaves and  
grass because it is a herbivore. \_\_\_\_\_
20. A star shine in while the sun hide at night. \_\_\_\_\_