

PRONUNCIATION OF S/ES



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:

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SIBILANT

| | | |
|----|---------|---|
| C | aces |  |
| 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/

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/ɪz/

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