

# PRONUNCIATION OF S AT THE END OF VERBS

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/ɪz/ SIBILANT		/s/ VOICELESS		/z/ VOICED	
C	races	P	sleeps	B	crabs
S	buses	K	books	D	words
X	boxes	T	hats	G	bags
Z	prizes	F	cliffs	L	falls
SS	kisses	GH	laughs	M	dreams
CH	watches	PH	graphs	N	fans
SH	dishes			NG	sings
GE	changes			R	wears

*/ɪz/ Sometimes written as /əz/*

There are 3 ways of pronouncing S at the end of a word in English. The pronunciation of words ending in S depends on the final consonant sound.

Words that end in a vowel sound use the /z/ pronunciation for S.  
e.g. -- plays -- sees -- tries -- follows -- continues

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 Woodward English

**- Sibilant Sound -**  
= a hissing or buzzing sound.

**- Voiceless Sound -**  
= the vocal cords do not vibrate.

**- Voiced Sound -**  
= uses the vocal cords and they produce a vibration or humming sound in the throat.

**LISTEN TO EACH WORD AND THEN REPEAT BY RECORDING YOURSELF BY CLICKING ON THE RED MICROPHONE.**

RACES		SLEEPS	
FIXES		LAUGHS	
WASHES		GRAPHS	
KISSES		FALLS	
WATCHES		SINGS	
CHANGES		WEARS	
GUESSES		HURRIES	
FINISHES		FLIES	
GOES		STUDIES	
CRIES		CARRIES	

