

## PRACTICE

/s/ and /z/

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

A16

SID: Alice's niece is nice.

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

SID: I'm not talking about her are, I'm talking about her are!

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

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

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

SID: Not are, you fool! are : E-Y-E-S!

eyes ice niece knees



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)