

## PRACTICE

/s/ and /z/

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

eyes ice niece knees

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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.

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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.

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| 1 Price or prize? I got a good <i>price</i> / <i>prize</i> for that painting.       | (⇒sound pair 31) |
| 2 He sat or he's at? I don't know where <i>he sat</i> / <i>he's at</i> .            | (⇒sound pair 31) |
| 3 Suit or shoot? They didn't <i>suit</i> / <i>shoot</i> him.                        | (⇒sound pair 32) |
| 4 Saved or shaved? I've <i>saved</i> / <i>shaved</i> a lot in the past few days.    | (⇒sound pair 32) |
| 5 Sink or think? We didn't <i>sink</i> / <i>think</i> .                             | (⇒sound pair 33) |
| 6 Closed or clothed? They were <i>closed</i> / <i>clothed</i> for the cold weather. | (⇒sound pair 33) |