

## SPELLING OF FINAL S/ES

a. visit → visits speak → speaks b. ride → rides write → writes	Final <b>-s</b> , not <b>-es</b> , is added to <b>most verbs</b> . <b>INCORRECT:</b> visites, speaks Many verbs end in <b>-e</b> . Final <b>-s</b> is simply added.
c. catch → catches wash → washes miss → misses fix → fixes buzz → buzzes	Final <b>-es</b> is added to words that end in <b>-ch</b> , <b>-sh</b> , <b>-s</b> , <b>-x</b> , and <b>-z</b> . <b>PRONUNCIATION NOTE:</b> Final <b>-es</b> is pronounced /əz/ and adds a syllable.*
d. fly → flies 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> . <b>INCORRECT:</b> flys  If a word ends in a vowel + <b>-y</b> , simply add <b>-s</b> . <b>INCORRECT:</b> paies or payes
f. go → goes do → does have → has	The singular forms of the verbs <b>go</b> , <b>do</b> , and <b>have</b> 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 (no change)
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.  
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14. Water freeze at  $32^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and boil at  $212^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). \_\_\_\_\_
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 the sky at night but the sun always shine during the daytime.  
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