



# IMPROVE YOUR SPEAKING SKILLS



## Pronounce the final « s » !!!!

reasons      boasts      villas      flavours      souvenirs      places      distilleries  
pieces      views      continues      fields      things      demonstrations

### Pronunciation of S AT THE END OF WORDS

**/ɪz/**  
**SIBILANT**

C races  
S buses  
X boxes  
Z prizes  
SS kisses  
CH watches  
SH dishes  
GE changes

/ɪz/ Sometimes written as /əz/

**/s/**  
**VOICELESS**

P sleeps  
K books  
T hats  
F cliffs  
GH laughs  
PH graphs

**/z/**  
**VOICED**

B crabs  
D words  
G bags  
L falls  
M dreams  
N fans  
NG sings  
R wears  
V gloves

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

**- 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.

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## Put your tongue between your teeth for pronouncing « th » properly

thousand      therapy      things      authentic      path      through      three  
south      southern      north      northern      third      weather      throughout  
without      think      both      breathtaking





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Remember this basic pronunciation rule:

the end

the air

the Atlantic ocean

Use the sound « schwa » : the syllable is never stressed

capital

botanical

tropical

local

natural

exceptional

banana

spectacular

admire

paradisiacal

villa

scuba diving

climate

paradise

company

especially

traditional

tradition

various

luxurious

meters

facade

unmissable

unforgettable

spectacle

approach

history

America

affordable

fauna







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Revise how to pronounce « -ed »

unexpected

protected

appreciated

disappointed

sculpted

followed

considered

appeared

played

opened

convinced

relaxed

cooked

watched

walked

## Pronunciation of ED IN ENGLISH

### Pronunciation of ED

/ɪd/

T wanted  
D needed

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

(Touch your throat to feel it)

/t/

P helped  
K looked  
F sniffed  
GH laughed  
SH washed  
CH watched  
SS kissed  
C danced  
X fixed

VOICELESS

/d/

L called  
N cleaned  
R offered  
G damaged  
V loved  
S used  
Z amazed  
B rubbed  
M claimed

VOICED \*

Words that end in a vowel sound use the /ɪd/ pronunciation for ED.  
e.g. – played – freed – tried – followed – continued



The pronunciation  
of words ending in  
ED depends on the  
final consonant  
sound. There are  
three ways to  
pronounce ED at  
the end of a word  
in English:

/ɪd/ /t/ /d/

- Past Tense
- Regular Verbs
- Past Participles
- Adjectives

# -ed ending:

# [t], [d] or [ɪd]

## English Pronunciation Lesson



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## Pronounce the letter « h » !!

hand      has      hiking      help      how      hectares      highlights  
unhelpful      heritage

## Don't pronounce the « h » (*the exceptions....*)

hour      honest      honor      heir      herbs (US)

## Don't add the sound « h » when there is no « h » !!

eight /eit/

## Don't forget the oral « t » before the sound « ch » or « d » before « g/j »

such as      speechless      richness      cheap      approach  
orange      majority      projected      juice      join us

## Make sure you know how to pronounce those basic words:

favourite	walk	flavour	most	filled	museum	sugar cane
famous	salt	kinds	winning	experience	tours	finally
should	circle	urban	half	numerous	idea	ideal
driving	village	island	southern	include	climate	diverse
climbing	European	architecture	language	admire	building	listening
various	modern	mountain	located	able	interesting	hidden
varieties	doubt	clothes	species	allow	powerful	choose
town	final	extreme	talk	treasure	distinct	environment
miles	warm	site	nature	basic	until	



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**A diphthong is a long sound** (« no » ≠ « dog » ≠ north):

rope

most

boast

know

close

go

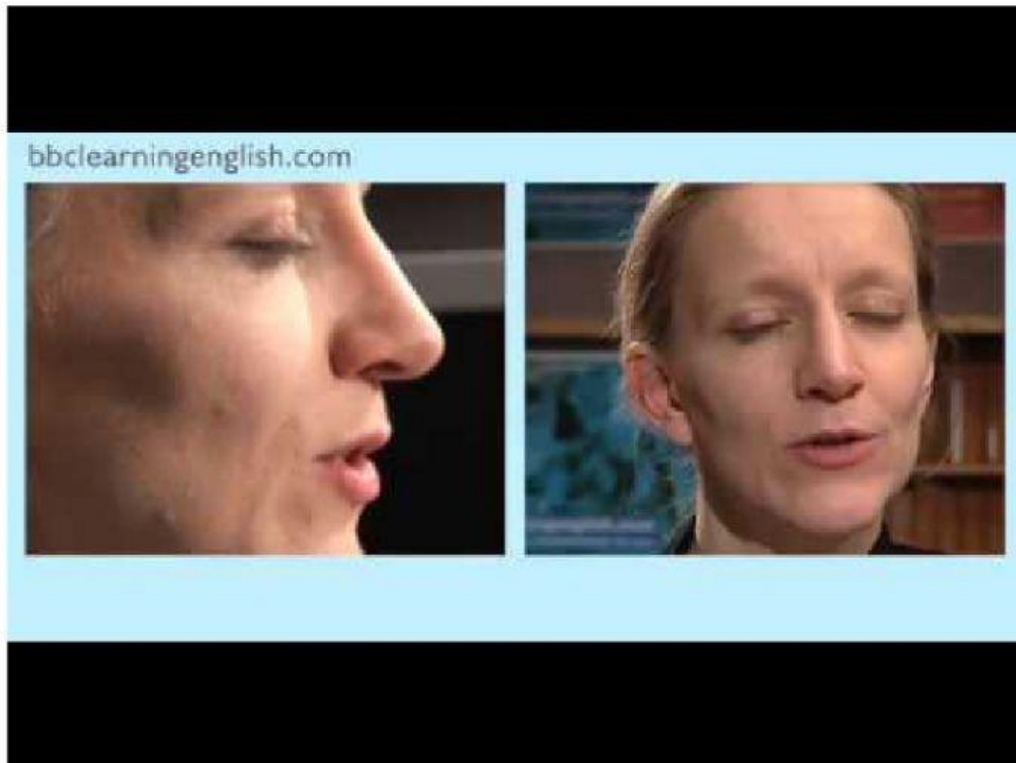
golden

don't

hope

coast

*Don't go to the golden coast.*



## Stress on words:

There are a few rules you may want to learn:

<https://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/word-stress-rules.htm>





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gastronomy	interesting	paradisiacal	architecture	comfortable
accommodation	paradise	luxurious	festival	unforgettable
packages	biodiversity	tradition	extraordinary	Canadian
Caribbean	Canada	Italy	Italian	wilderness
Japan	Japanese	probably	impressive	vacation
scientific	habitat	culinary	forest	scenery



## Please beware!!

suite ≠ suit

piece ≠ piss

beach ≠ bitch

island ≠ Iceland

pond ≠ pound

cheap ≠ chip

these ≠ this

heart ≠ hurt



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**Click on the number and type the word you heard:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

**Say the following words out loud. Check your pronunciation by clicking on the number after you said it.**

11. finally
12. Allow me to go.
13. I was convinced
14. I hope to go there.
15. thirty-three things
16. authentic gastronomy
17. a hidden paradise
18. deserted beaches
19. various souvenirs
20. most villages
21. urban architecture
22. unspoilt environment
23. appeared
24. disappointed
25. his favourite clothes
26. many reasons
27. an ideal place
28. a famous mountain
29. tropical climate
30. breathtaking scenery