

How to pronounce the letter S



The /s/ sound can be found in:

Words beginning with S + a consonant:	<u>s</u> tudent, s <u>m</u> all, s <u>n</u> ake, s <u>l</u> ow, s <u>m</u> art, etc.
The letter "S" when it is not between two vowels:	<u>s</u> un, s <u>i</u> ster, s <u>t</u> op, s <u>a</u> me, s <u>e</u> at, etc.
The letters "SS":	cl <u>ass</u> , gl <u>ass</u> , k <u>iss</u> , m <u>ess</u> , cr <u>oss</u> , etc.
The letter "C" before the vowels "E" or "I":	<u>c</u> ity, <u>c</u> entre, <u>c</u> ell, <u>c</u> ircle, <u>c</u> inema, <u>c</u> eiling, etc.
Plural nouns ending after the sounds /p/, /t/, /k/, /f/ and /θ/:	cups, maps, ships, students, hats, etc.

The /z/ sound can be found in:



Words containing the letter "Z":	<u>z</u> ebra, <u>z</u> oom, am <u>az</u> ing, pr <u>iz</u> e, fr <u>eez</u> e, etc.
Words with the letter "S" between two vowels:	re <u>as</u> on, se <u>as</u> on, mu <u>s</u> ic, res <u>u</u> lt, etc.
Plural nouns ending after the sounds /b/, /d/, /g/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /r/, /j/, /ð/ and vowels:	fr <u>iends</u> , egg <u>s</u> , riv <u>er</u> s, girl <u>s</u> , pen <u>s</u> , etc.



The /ɪz/ sound can be found in:

Words ending in -es after X, S, SH, SS, CH and C:	gl <u>ass</u> es, wat <u>ch</u> es, fox <u>es</u> , wish <u>es</u> , etc.
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Listen carefully to the words and drag them into the correct column according to their pronunciation: /s/, /z/ or /ɪz/.



/s/	/z/	/ɪz/



grass boxes seven balls
 parks poison lesson soup keys
 bags brushes Spain size prize
 visit design citizen ships places

