

PRONUNCIATION OF S/ES



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Plural Nouns - Verbs in Third Person

The pronunciation of words ending in S depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce the S:

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SIBILANT

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

Sibilant Sound
a hissing or
buzzing sound

/s/

VOICELESS

P	sleeps	
K	books	
T	hats	
F	cliff	
PH	graphs	
TH	myths	

Voiced Sound
uses the vocal cords
and it produces a
vibration or humming
sound in the throat

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VOICED

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

TICK. WHAT'S THE CORRECT SOUND?

/s/

/z/

/ɪz/

lives			
makes			
invites			
works			
wishes			
stays			
does			
washes			
has			
stops			
watches			
goes			
pays			
says			
enjoys			