

PRONUNCIATION OF S AT THE END OF VERBS

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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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LISTEN TO EACH WORD AND THEN REPEAT BY RECORDING YOURSELF BY CLICKING ON THE RED MICROPHONE.

RACES		SLEEPS	
FIXES		LAUGHS	
WASHES		GRAPHS	
KISSES		FALLS	
WATCHES		SINGS	
CHANGES		WEARS	
GUESSES		HURRIES	
FINISHES		FLIES	
GOES		STUDIES	
CRIES		CARRIES	

