

SPELLING OF FINAL S/ES	
a. visit → visits speak → speaks b. ride → rides write → writes	Final -s , not -es , is added to most verbs . INCORRECT: visites, speakes Many verbs end in -e . Final -s is simply added.
c. catch → catches wash → washes miss → misses fix → fixes buzz → buzzes	Final -es is added to words that end in -ch, -sh, -s, -x, and -z . PRONUNCIATION NOTE: Final -es is pronounced /əz/ and adds a syllable.*
d. fly → flies e. pay → pays	If a word ends in a consonant + -y , change the -y to -i and add -es . INCORRECT: flys If a word ends in a vowel + -y , simply add -s . INCORRECT: paies or payes
f. go → goes do → does have → has	The singular forms of the verbs go, do, and have 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.

14. Water freeze at 32°F (0°C) and boil at 212°F (100°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. _____

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.
