

Consonant sound /s/ as in "sun"



AS IN
"SUN"



[s] At the Beginning of Words

sky	skip	snake
sad	spell	skate
spin	study	school
slow		

[s] In the Middle of Words

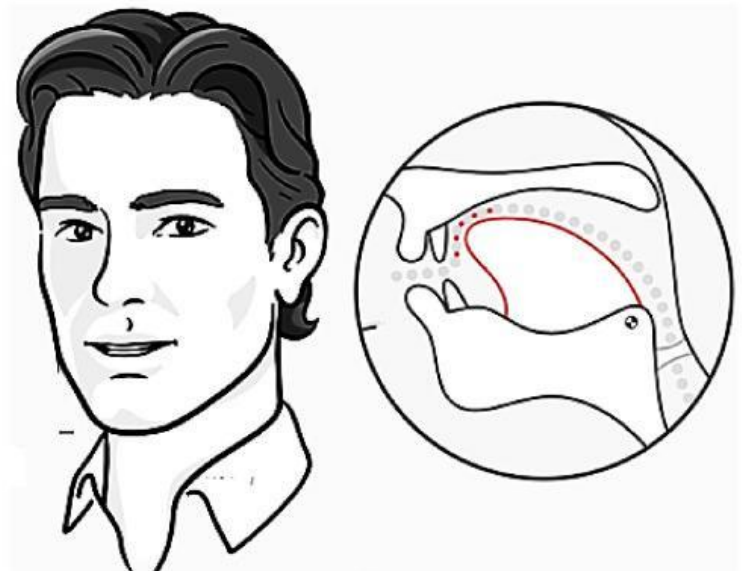
lesson	custom	castle
racing	basket	history
listen	answer	fast
pencil		

[s] At the End of Words

bus	face	course
yes	makes	class
box	house	plus
miss		

[s] Spelled

s	c	x ([ks])	ss
spy	cell	six	kiss
ski	ice	fix	less
smoke	lace	fox	dresser
steal	cent	tax	message
desk	center	oxen	



ANSWERS

The letter **C** followed by **e, i** or **y** usually pronounced [s]

Cent

place

society

fancy

The letters **S** in plural nouns is usually pronounced [s] when it follows most voiceless consonants.

books

coats

cuffs

maps

Less frequent spelling patterns for [s] consist of the letters **z**, and **sc**.

Waltz

pretzel

scent

scene



1. **stop** sign
2. **small** mistake
3. **start** and **stop**
4. **Nice** to **see** you.
5. **Stand** **straight**.
6. **Sit** **still**!
7. **Speak** for **yourself**.
8. The **swimmer** was **slow** and **steady**.
9. The **grocery** **store** **started** **selling** **seafood**.
10. **Stan** **stopped** **smoking** **cigars**.
11. We had **steak** and **spinach** for **supper**.
12. **Students** **study** in **school**.
13. I **rest** on **Saturday** and **Sunday**.
14. The **sportsman** **likes** to **ski** and **skate**.
15. **Stacy** **speaks** **Spanish**.





Instructions: Practice pronunciation of the [s] sound with the top 30 most common words.



1. this
2. so
3. just
4. see
5. yes
6. say
7. us
8. some
9. sorry
10. said

11. stop
12. first
13. ask
14. still
15. sir
16. must
17. last
18. start
19. place
20. stay

21. listen
22. miss
23. nice
24. house
25. understand
26. course
27. same
28. son
29. else
30. next

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VOCABULARY



1 Listen and repeat.



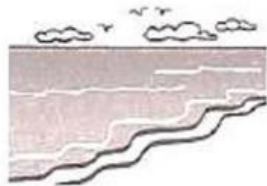
sailing



surfing



sitting on the sand



seashore



Saturday



Sunday

2 /s/ often occurs in consonant clusters, or groups of consonant sound. Listen and repeat.*



swimming



waterskiing



skating



sleep outside



stay in a hotel




star

*Careful: Do not add an extra vowel sound before or after /s/ in a consonant cluster.



PERSONALITY TEST

Instructions: Work with a partner. Do you like to take risks or are you more cautious? Try this personality test for fun.

 **1** Listen. Notice the intonation in the question: rising on the first choice (before *or*) and falling on the second choice (after *or*).

A Would you rather sleep *outside* or stay in a *hotel*?

B Sleep outside.

would
rather

• I would rather **read** a book **than** watch TV.



1. sleep outside or stay in a hotel?
2. Spend money or save money?
3. Play sports or watch sports?
4. Drive fast or slowly?
5. Be a movie star or a dentist?
6. Go surfing or sit on the sand?
7. Go swimming on Saturday morning or sleep late?
8. Be silly or serious?
9. Eat something spicy or sweet?
10. Ask a question or answer a question?
11. Do something exciting or relaxing?
12. Be single or be married?



INSTRUCTIONS

Read the text and then complete it by using as many words as you can from:
MOST COMMON WORDS, VOCABULARY AND WOULD YOU RATHER SECTIONS.



Conversation

Steve: Let's go to the seashore on Saturday.

Stacy: Yes! Excellent! Would you rather go sailing or waterskiing? Waterskiing is so exciting.

Steve: It is also expensive, Stacy. Let's just sit in the sun and go swimming instead.

Stacy: Let's stay over Saturday night and



📌 Consonant sound /z/ as in "zoo"

[z] At the Beginning of Words

zoo	zinc	zebra
zeal	zero	zipper
zest	zone	

[z] In the Middle of Words

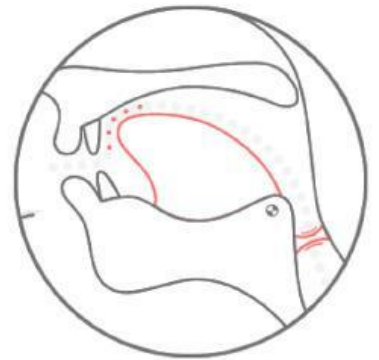
lazy	crazy	dizzy
busy	razor	cousin
easy	dozen	puzzle

[z] At the End of Words

as	was	raise
is	buzz	amaze
his	daze	breeze

[z] Spelled

z	s
zip	has
size	eyes
seize	rose
lizard	these
sneeze	bruise



QUICK TIPS

📌 The letter **S** is usually pronounced [z] when between vowels and in a stressed syllable.

deserve

because

resign

📌 The letters **S** in plural nouns is usually pronounced [s] when it follows most voiced consonants.

shoes

legs

leaves

beds

cars



Instructions: Practice pronunciation of the [Z] sound with the top 30 most common words.



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|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. is | 11. always | 21. husband |
| 2. was | 12. close | 22. lose |
| 3. as | 13. excuse | 23. cause |
| 4. his | 14. suppose | 24. surprise |
| 5. has | 15. business | 25. realize |
| 6. because | 16. easy | 26. amaze |
| 7. please | 17. music | 27. present |
| 8. these | 18. crazy | 28. president |
| 9. use | 19. exactly | 29. visit |
| 10. those | 20. reason | 30. busy |

Instructions: Read the next text and practice it with a classmate



Julius Caesar

[s] [s] [z] [z] [s] [s] [z] [s]
Julius Caesar is one of the **most famous** leaders in **history**. He
[s] [z] [z][s] [z] [z][s]
became **master** of Italy **because** of his **skills** as **soldier** and
[s] [s] [z][z] [z] [z] [z] [s]
statesman. His **zeal** and **wisdom** brought **positive** changes.
[z] [z] [s] [s]
He **reorganized** the government and **raised** the **status** of the poor. But
[z][s] [z] [z] [s] [s]
he **was stabbed** to death by his **enemies** **Brutus** and **Cassius**.
[s] [s] [z] [s][s] [z] [s]
Shakespeare said in his play about **Julius Caesar**, "Men at **some** time
[s] [z] [s] [s] [z] [s] [z]
are **masters** of their **fates**: The fault, dear **Brutus**, **is** not in our **stars**,
[s] [z] [z]
but in **ourselves**, that we are **underlings**."



Instructions: Work in two different groups and explain with STRONG arguments why you agree or disagree with zoos. **Group A (agrees) / Group B (disagrees).**

