

How to pronounce the letter S



The /s/ sound can be found in:

Words beginning with S + a consonant:	<u>s</u> tudent, <u>s</u> mall, <u>s</u> nake, <u>s</u> low, <u>s</u> mart, etc.
The letter "S" when it is not between two vowels:	<u>s</u> un, <u>s</u> ister, <u>s</u> top, <u>s</u> ame, <u>s</u> eat, etc.
The letters "SS":	<u>cl</u> ass, <u>gl</u> ass, <u>ki</u> ss, <u>me</u> ss, <u>cr</u> oss, 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/:	cup <u>s</u> , map <u>s</u> , ship <u>s</u> , studen <u>t</u> s, hat <u>s</u> , 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, pri <u>z</u> e, free <u>z</u> e, etc.
Words with the letter "S" between two vowels:	rea <u>s</u> on, sea <u>s</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:	friend <u>s</u> , egg <u>s</u> , river <u>s</u> , 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:	glass <u>e</u> s, watch <u>e</u> s, fox <u>e</u> s, wish <u>e</u> s, 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

