

English Pronunciation Course

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Lecture 3



Outline:

Final S Pronunciation

(Final S Pronunciation)



We pronounce the final S in three ways: /s/ - /z/ - /ɪz/

Watch the video in the next slide to know the rule

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The Rule

voiceless + s → /s/

/p/ - /t/ - /k/ - /f/

voiced + s → /z/

/b/ - /d/ /g/ - /l/ - /m/ - /n/ - /r/ - /v/ - /w/

/ʃ/ (sh) - /tʃ/ (ch) - /dʒ/ - /s/ - /z/ + s → /ɪz/

How to Pronounce the Final S in English

S	words ending in the voiceless sounds P, K, T, F, and sometimes TH	helps stops chips soaps ships	parks rocks weeks desks asks	robots nuts eats pets gets	beliefs surfs proofs giraffes roofs	myths baths deaths youths faiths
IZ	words with the sounds S, Z, X, SH, CH, and GE, followed by -ES	kisses buzzes boxes washes churches	bridges misses fixes divorces oranges			
Z	words with all other endings (voiced and vowel sounds) words where y is replaced with -ies	plays trees cries follows curfews	countries fans loves pens hers			

Practice

Exercise: Classify the words according to their pronunciation

jars- bags- graphs- prizes-friends - books- labs- kisses- dishes- laps-
things- gloves- buses- fans- watches

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/
Graphs – books – laps -	Jars – bags – friends – labs – things – gloves- fans -	Prizes – kisses – dishes – buses - watches

Practice

<https://exhibitaenglish.com/pronunciation-the-final-s-in-english/>



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