



English lecture

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Lesson 03: Pronunciation of final “s”

Definition

Plural nouns and verbs in the third person, the pronunciation of these words ending with “s”, depend on the final consonant [sound].

There are three ways to pronounce the “s”

/ S/ sound	/ Z/ sound	/Iz/ sound
Used with voiceless sounds Which are not vibrating like /p/, /k/, /f/, /ph/, /th/ Ex. Sleeps, books, cliffs, hats, graph, math	When the letter before “s” is voiced, which means vocal cords produce a vibration like /b/, /m/, /n/, /d/, /v/, /r/, /y/ Ex Crabs, dreams, fans, words, gloves, wears, plays	When the letter before “s” have a hissing sound like /s/, /c/, /z/, /ch/, /sh/, /ge/, /x/ Ex Buses, races, prizes, watches, dishes, changes, boxes