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**Lesson 4: Pronunciation of final “s”**

**Definition:**

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

**There are three ways to pronounce the “s”**

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| **/S/ sound** | **/Z/ sound** | **/IZ/ sound** |
| Used with voiceless sounds which are not vibrating like **/P/,/K/,/f/, /T/, /ph/, /th/**  Sleeps, books, cliffs, hats, graph, math | When the letter before “s” is voiced , which means vocal cords produces a vibration like  **/B/,/M/, /N/, /D/, /V/, /R/, /Y/**  Crabs, dreams, fans, words, gloves, wears, plays | When the letters before “s” have a hissing sound like  **/S/, /C/,/Z/, /CH/, /SH/, /GE/ , /X/**  Buses, races, prizes, watches, dishes, changes,  boxes |

**Examples:**

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| **/S/** | **/Z/** | **/IZ/** |
| **Maps , myths,** | **Phones, wives** | **Oranges , witches** |