

PRONUNCIATION /S/, /Z/, /IZ/

VERBS IN THIRD THE PERSON AND PLURAL NOUNS.

There are three different ways to pronounce the letter ‘s’ ending in regular verbs and plural nouns.

When the final ‘s’ sounds like gas escaping from a pipe. /S/	When the final ‘s’ sounds like the sound a bee makes. /Z/	When the final ‘s’ sounds like the verb ‘to be’ third person form ‘is’. /IZ/
Unvoiced consonant sound ending in; /f/, /k/ /p/, /t/, /θ/,	Voiced consonant sound ending in; /b/, /d/, /g/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /ŋ/, /r/, /D/, /ò/, /v/	Add a syllable with this sound ending in; /s/, /t/, /dʒ/, /z/, /ʃ/, /ʒ/
cough s	grab s	chance s
attack s	brood s	watch s
stop s	sting s	judge s
blast s	fail s	choose s
unearth s	come s	wish s
	earn s	miss s
	thing s	fix s
	roar s	
	goe s	
	breath s	
	love s	
Last letters; h / k / p / t / th	Last letters; b / d / g / l / m / n in / r / o / the / v	Last letters; c / ch / ge / s / sh ss / x

NOTE: When a word ends in the consonant ‘y’, the pronunciation of final ‘y’ is /ee/ and in the plural it has the /IZ/sound. However, we don’t add an extra syllable.
E.g. ‘study’ /stud ee/ (2 syllables), ‘studies’ /stud iz/ (also has 2 syllables).