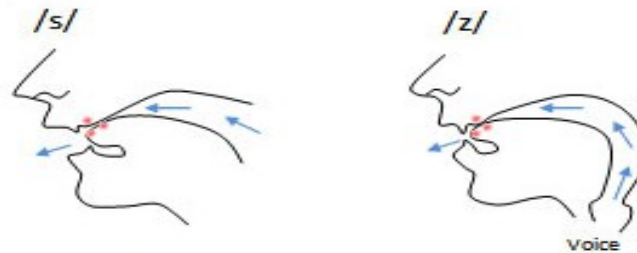


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When is /s/ pronounced as /z/?



1. When /s/ is between two vowels.

Examples: *reason, season, cousin, easy, music and easy*

2. If the spelling pattern /se/ comes after a vowel, it is usually pronounced as /z/.

Examples: *these, use, lose, cause, choose, phase and tease*

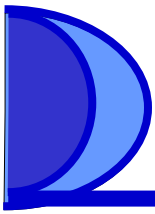
3. Final /s/ as the plural form or third person singular form.

**If we add 's' to a noun it becomes plural:

one apple-two apples; one pencil-two pencils

**If we add 's' to a verb, it is in the third person singular.

For example: *he loves, she loves...it loves* [The final 's' here is pronounced as /z/]



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Remember!!!

The sound of the letter /s/ is 's' only if it follows an unvoiced consonant. Otherwise, it becomes a /z/ in disguise. When an /s/ follows a vowel, a voiced consonant, or another /s/, it turns into a 'z'.

LET'S PRACTICE!

A. Listen and follow as your teacher reads the voiceless /s/ sound words.

say

boss

sad

this

so

lips

sits

misty

sound

face

sister

practice

it's

bounce

cats

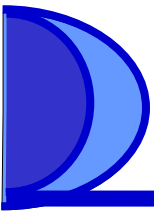
mouse

cross

house

miss

miss



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B. Let's practice the voiced /z/ sound. Take note that your vocal cords should vibrate when you make this sound because it is a voiced sound.

was

rose

hers

his

nose

bags

busy

frogs

quiz

boys

buzz

girls

freeze

friends

dozen

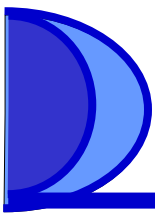
lies

nosy

noise

Tuesday

Thursday

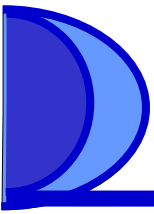


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ACTIVITY!

A. Listen and repeat as your teacher reads the short paragraph. After mimicking your teacher, you need to say the words with the /s/ sounds.

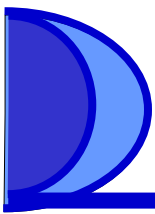
Steven, a surly seargent from Houston, Texas, saw a sailor sit silently on a small seat reserved for youngsters. He stayed for several hours, while the youngsters swarmed around. Steven asked the sailor to cease and desist but he sneered in his face. Steven was so incensed that he considered it sufficient incentive to sock the sailor. The sailor stood there for a second, astonished, and then strolled away. Sam was perplexed, but satisfied and the tots scampered like ants over the see-saw.



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B. Listen and repeat as your teacher reads the short paragraph. After mimicking your teacher, you need to say the words with the /z/ sounds.

A lazy Thursday at the zoo found the zebras grazing on zinnias, posing for pictures, and teasing the zookeeper, whose nose was bronzed by the sun. The biggest zebra's name was Zachary, but his friends called him Zack. Zack was a confusing zebra whose zeal for reason caused his cousins, who were naturally unreasoning, to pause in their conversations. While they browsed, he philosophized. As they grazed, he practice zen. Because they were Zack's cousins, the zebras said nothing, but they wished he would muzzle himself at times.



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QUIZ!

A. Listen as your teacher read the following sentences. If you hear S sound in the sentence, type 1 in the chat window. If you hear Z sound in the sentence, type 2 in the chat window.

- 1) Is Sam his sister?
- 2) Steve was my son.
- 3) The seven dogs and elephants stay inside the zoo.
- 4) She was so sad last Saturday.
- 5) The sun is so hot.
- 6) Seven boys and girls sat on the fence outside.
- 7) The quiz last Saturday was easy.
- 8) Samantha, please sit beside your friends.
- 9) Is this house really hers?
- 10) The seven students took their first driver's license test last December.