

Consonant Sounds

... are produced by completely or partially stopping the breath.

... can be voiceless (VL) or voiced (VD).

... often come in sound pairs.

	lips together		bottom lip - teeth		tongue - teeth		tongue on toothridge		hard palate		back of tongue on soft palate		throat
	VL	VD	VL	VD	VL	VD	VL	VD	VL	VD	VL	VD	VL
stop	<u>p</u> <u>b</u>						<u>t</u> <u>d</u>				<u>k</u> <u>g</u>		
fricative			<u>f</u> <u>v</u>		<u>θ</u> <u>ð</u>		<u>s</u> <u>z</u>		<u>ʃ</u> <u>ʒ</u>				<u>h</u>
affricate									<u>tʃ</u> <u>dʒ</u>				
nasal	<u>m</u>						<u>n</u>				<u>ŋ</u>		
liquid							<u>l</u>		<u>r</u>				
glide									<u>ɹ</u>				<u>w</u>

Word Final -s = /s, z, lz/

The pronunciation of written -s, -es, 's is based on the final sound of a word, before adding -s.

voiceless sound

+ voiceless /s/

stops + /s/

- cats looks likes stops laughs its it's
- Silent t: elects paints lasts wants
- Silent th: months depths lengths

voiced sound

+ voiced /z/

call + /z/

- arrives learns opens robs
- marries tries employs stays
- seas sees he's she's
- Silent th: clothes /klowz/

/s, z/

/ʃ, ʒ/

/tʃ, dʒh/

+ /lz/

miss + /lz/

- /s/ kisses entrances prices [written -ce = /s/]
- /z/ freezes causes [written -se = /s/ or /z/]
- /ʃ/ crashes washes
- /ʒ/ buzzes fizzes
- /tʃ/ watches catches
- /dʒh/ changes encourages.

K. Reading for <s> Ending. Write /ɪz/, /s/, or /z/ ^{above} ~~below~~ the <(e)s> ending of each word to show how it is pronounced. Check your answers in pairs or groups. Then read and record the passage, linking wherever you can.

EXAMPLE: houses talks lives
 /ɪz/ /s/ /z/

Laundry Time

Liz hates doing the laundry. She realizes that four weeks have passed since her last trip to the laundromat. There are piles of clothes in the closets, the sheets and towels are dirty, she's been wearing the same pair of blue jeans for nine days, and she doesn't have any clean socks or blouses left. She thinks about it while she watches one of her favorite TV shows. She wishes she didn't have to do such chores. Then she opens a book, turns the pages, and tries to study. The phone rings: one of Liz's friends reminds her about Sally's party tomorrow evening. She decides that it's now or never. She can't go to the party unless she washes one of her new dresses. She stuffs all her clothes into two laundry bags. She strips the bed and pulls the pillowcases off the pillows. She goes through the apartment, picking up everything in sight. Finally, she grabs some coat hangers, two boxes of detergent, and her keys, and closes the door behind her. She hopes she won't be too late. She arrives at the laundromat, carries in all her belongings, and searches for some empty machines. But they're all either in use or out of order. She sighs, picks up everything, and drives to the local video store to rent a couple of movies.