

"-S" Pronunciation

- **Appearance of the "-s":**
 - a) Countable nouns in plural.
 - b) 3rd person singular (present simple).
 - c) Saxon Genitive ('s apostrophe).

- **PRONUNCIATION:**
 - a) VOICELESS SOUND / S / (*sordo*)
 - b) VOICED SOUND / Z / (*sonoro*)
 - c) / IZ /

- The final sound of the word determines the pronunciation of the **-s/-es/ -'s**. Hence, the following possibilities arise:

/ S /		/ Z /		/ IZ /	
VOICELESS (<i>Sorda</i>)		VOICED (<i>Sonora</i>)			
FINAL SOUND = VOICELESS		FINAL SOUND = VOICED			
Final sound	Example	Final sound	Example	Final sound	Example
/ p /	Cups - keeps - sleeps	/ b /	Pubs - rubs - disturbs - Bob's	/ s /	Kisses - boxes - misses
/ t /	Cats - writes - waits	/ d /	Sides - beds - feeds - reads - Fred's	/ z /	Roses - pleases - noises - closes - loses
/ k /	Cakes - docks - takes - works	/ g /	Legs - dogs - dog's - bags - begs	/ ʒ /	Finishes - fishes - dishes - washes
/ f /	Cliffs - roofs - laughs - Joseph's	/ v /	Loves - lives - knives - shaves	/ ʒ /	Garages
/ θ /	Months - moths - Smith's.	/ ð /	Mouths - paths - bathes - breathes	/ dʒ /	Bridges - pages - judges - George's
		/ m /	Games - times - comes - Tom's	/ tʃ /	Reaches - matches - catches - churches
		/ n /	Pens - hens - signs - runs - John's		
		/ ŋ /	Songs - kings - king's - sings		
		/ l /	Kills - calls - girls - girl's - girls'		
		Vowel sound - /schwa/ ə	Sees - laws - boys - boy's		
			Letters - father's - rivers		