APPENDIX

Plural Ending -s. -es

There are three pronunciation rules for adding suffixes -s or -es to make a singular noun plural. To understand the rules, we need to understand the concept of voiced and voiceless sounds.

Listen!

Rule 1 Nouns Ending in Voiceless Consonants: Add -s and pronounce it as [s].

c, f, k, p, t, gh, ph, th				
Sing	gular	F	Plural -s [s]	
arc		arcs		
roof		roofs		
bike		bikes		
book	Planto	books	Plants Plants	
cork		corks		
lark		larks		

camp	Circumstance	camps	
cape		capes	
map		maps	
cart		carts	
gate		gates	
hat		hats	
hut		huts	
graph	6	graphs	8 6 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
bath		baths	
mouth		mouths	
wreath		wreaths	

Rule 2 Nouns Ending in Voiced Consonants or Vowels: Add -s and pronounce it as [z].

b, d, g, l, m, n, v				
Sing	gular	Plural -s [z]		
bib		bibs		
cab		cabs		
bed		beds		
bag		bags		
bug		bugs		
keg		kegs		
gir		girls		
wall		walls		
atom		atoms		
frame		frames		

fan		fans		
olive		olives		
		vowels		
Sing	gular	F	Plural -s [z]
bay		bays		
bear		bears		
bee		bees		
peer	HIAR	peers	AAA	ATA
ruler	Harris and the state of the sta	rulers	The state of the s	The state of the s
pie		pies		
boar	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	boars		7
boy		boys		
toy		toys		

Rule 3 Nouns with Special Endings: When ending in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, or -x, we usually add -es and pronunce it as [IZ]. When ending in -ge, or -ce, we usually add -s and pronunce it as [IZ].

s, ss, sh, ch and x + es				
Sing	gular	Plural -s [IZ]		<u>z</u>]
bus		buses		
lotus		lotuses		
dress		dresses		
glass		glasses		
brush		brushes		
bush		bushes		
bench		benches		Se Se

watch		watches	
box		boxes	
fox		foxes	
	ge	e and ce +	S
Sing	gular	PI	ural es [IZ]
cage		cages	
corsage		corsages	
garage	•	garages	
face		faces	
sauce		sauces	

- SC Nouns with Special Spellings:
 - •In some cases, if nouns end in -z, we need to double the letter z, add -es, and pronunce it as [IZ].

Sing	gular	Pli	ural -es [I	z]
whiz	Guv=Rav=20 Ruv=29m/1	whiz zes	Guv=Rav=2C Rw-29un	Guv=Ruv-1/2 C Ruv-1/2 9 m/1
quiz	T B B B B B B B B B	quiz zes		- 55 - 50 - 50 - 50 - 50 - 50 - 50 - 50

• In other cases, if nouns end in -f / -fe or -y (consonant +y), we need to drop -f, -fe or -y, add -ves or -ies and pronounce it as [z] or [Iz].

Sing	gular	Plural	-es[z]-ies[IZ]
leaf		leaves	
wolf		wolves	
knife		knives	
city		cities	

puppy



puppies





• If nouns end in -0, we usually add -es and pronunce it as [z]. Ω



Singular		Plural -es [z]		
potato		potatoes		
tomato		tomatoes		

APPENDIX

Third Person Singular Verb in Simple Present Tense

There are three pronunciation rules for adding suffixes -s or es to conjugate the verb (3rd person singular) in simple present tense. To understand the rules, we need to understand the concept of voiced and voiceless sounds.

Rule 1 Verbs Ending in Voiceless Consonants: Add -s and pronounce it as [s]. 197

	c, f, k, p, t, gh, and ph			
Ver	bs	3 rd Person Singular Verbs -s [s]		
picnic		He picnics		
barf		He barfs		
hike		He hikes		
sleep		He sleeps		
shout		She shouts		
sweat		He sweats		

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cough		She coughs
laugh		He laughs
autograph	O definance of the second	He autographs

Rule 2 Verbs Ending in Voiced Consonants or Vowels: Add -s and pronounce it as [z].

b, d, g, l, m, n, v				
Ver	bs	3 rd Person Singular Verbs -s [z]		
scrub		He scrubs		
find		He finds		
beg		He begs		
call		He calls		
pull		He pulls		
zoom		He zooms		
yawn	Z	He yawns		
wave		He waves		

Third Person Singular Verb in Simple Present Tense

vowels				
Verbs		3 rd Person Singular Verbs -s [z]		
play		She plays		
draw		She draws		
wear		He wears		
blow		She blows		
enjoy		She enjoys		

Rule 3 Verbs with Special Endings: When verbs end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x or -zz, we usually add -es and pronunce it as [IZ]. When ending in -ce, -ge, -se or -ze, we usually add -s and pronunce it as [IZ].

ss, sh, ch, x, zz +es				
Verbs		3 rd Person Singular Verbs +es [IZ]		
kiss		He kisses		
push		She pushes		
pitch		He pitches		
mix		He mixes		
buzz	ZNNNN Z	It buzzes		
ce, ge, se, ze +s				
Verbs		3 rd Person Singular Verbs -es [IZ]		
race	C	He races		
arrange		She arranges		

Third Person Singular Verb in Simple Present Tense

close	He closes
realize	She realizes

Verbs with Special Spellings: In some cases, if verbs end in -y (consonant +y), we need to drop the -y, add -ies and pronunce it as [IZ]. If verbs end in -o, we usually add -es and pronunce it as [Z].

Singular		3 rd Person Singular Verbs ies [IZ] es [Z]
study		He studi <mark>es</mark>
veto	X	He vetoes

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