

/S/ & /Z/

Bonus Lesson Worksheet

Pronunciation Rules for /S/ & /Z/

When do you know when an 'S' sounds like a /z/ sound? Here are the rules:

- When the letter 'S' follows a vowel
- When the letter 'S' follows a voiced consonant
- Also: most plural words will also have a /z/sound at the end
- In most situations, when a word is a verb and has an 'S' in it, then the pronunciation of the 'S' will be a /z/ sound
- If a heteronym word is a noun and has an 'S' in it, then the 'S' will be a /z/ sound

I would encourage you to watch my video so that you can understand these rules better. As always, there are exceptions to the rules. Sorry! However, this lesson will also include words that have exceptions to the rules and that still use the /z/ sound in place of an 'S'. The following is a list of common words with the /z/ sound instead of the /s/ sound.

/S/ & /Z/ Common Word List

has	is	was	as
goes	says	those	shoes
Thursday	because	doesn't	he's
she's	busy	chosen	desert
dessert	deserve	easy	husband
music	raisin	reason	news
president	supervisor	nose	plays
clothes	design	pleasant	season



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Sentence Practice

1. Susan **is** a fun music teacher and loves children.
2. His supervisor has high goals and wants to become president.
3. Tuesdays are dessert days at the office.
4. She found the museum amusing.
5. The famous physician was from Missouri.
6. My husband reads the news only during baseball season.
7. She doesn't like blue cheese.
8. Those boys are noisy.
9. He received a lot of praise and got a raise.
10. I love my grandma's raisin cookies.

Paragraph Practice

Next Tuesday will be busy because we are moving cross country. Ever since my husband was chosen to represent the company in Asia they have been impressed with his Chinese skills and he's gotten a lot of praise. Now he'll be working at headquarters in Boston. Our kids are really excited about this new phase in their lives, but of course we'll miss visiting cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Paragraph Practice

Eloise's dream of owning her own dessert shop has finally come true. Growing up she was always known for her baking skills. In college she graduated as a web designer and took business marketing classes to kickstart her dessert shop. Her famous dessert is raspberry cheesecake, and that alone has brought many customers. The busiest season for Eloise is during the summer wedding season.

More /S/ & /Z/ Words

Tuesday	Wednesday	Mrs.	hasn't
isn't	wasn't	cousin	use (verb)

house (verb)	close (verb)	excuse (verb)	diffuse
advise	lose	choose	asthma
beeswax	Boise	bruiser	business
Caesar	cheesecake	cheesecloth	cheesy
chisel	cleanser	closes	closet
clothesline	clothespin	clumsy	cosmic
cosmos	cruiser	daisy	deserve
desire	diesel	dismal	dissolve
easel	easement	flimsy	geyser
has-been	houses	housing	laser
loser	measles	muslim	nasal
newsstand	nosebleed	nosy	observe
poison	presence	present	preserve
presume	prison	resent	reserve
reside	resign	resist	resolve
resort	resound	result	resume
risen	rises	rising	Rosa
rosy	scissors	spasm	Susan
Susie	teaser	teasing	thousand
treason	trouser	user	visit
weasel	wisecrack	wiser	accusal
accuser	advisor	amusing	artisan
busily	composer	cosmetic	deposit
disaster	divisor	easier	easiest
easily	exquisite	fusible	imprison
inasmuch	incisor	Louisa	misery
Missouri	museum	musical	musician
newspaper	observing	physician	position
prisoner	refusal	reprisal	requisite



resemble	reservoir	resident	residue
resume	resurrect	Roosevelt	rosary
Susanna	teasingly	usable	visited
visiting	visitor	advertising	advisable
desirable	divisible	Eisenhower	gymnasium
imprisonment	inquisitive	invisible	miserable
miserably	observation	preservable	preservation
reservation	resolution	seismologist	cosmopolitan
Louisiana	Presbyterian	bees	blows
blues	bows	braise	browse
bruise	buys	cause	cheese
chose	clause	clues	crews
cries	crows	cruise	cues
does	draws	dries	dues
ease	eyes	fleas	flows
fries	fuse	glows	goes
hose	Hughes	jays	joys
keys	knees	laws	lies
lose	noise	ones	owes
pause	paws	peas	phase
phrase	pies	please	poise
pose	praise	prose	raise
rays	raise	rise	rose
seas	sees	skies	skis
stews	tease	these	ties
toes	toys	trays	trees
tries	use	views	ways
weighs	whose	wise	accuse
always	amuse	applause	appraise



arise	arose	arouse	arrows
babies	bases	because	Burmese
bylaws	byways	carouse	chastise
Chinese	comas	commas	compase
comprise	confuse	cookies	crochets
defies	defrays	degrees	denies
despise	disclose	disease	disguise
dispose	echoes	enclose	enthuse
essays	exuse	expose	glasses
highrise	highways	Indies	judges
ladies	Louise	oppose	pieces
pillows	primrose	propose	refuse
repose	revise	series	sideways
sixes	snowshoes	stories	sunrise
suppose	suprise	tacos	transfuse
whereas	advertise	bananas	beautifies
besieges	challenges	compromise	corduroys
dominoes	Eloise	exercise	hose
Japanese	marshmallows	mayonnaise	merchandise
multiplies	nursuries	overseas	potatoes
Santa Claus	stereos	supervise	tomatoes
tragedies	series	chairs	refineries
secretaries	societies	cubes	raised
adds	builds	bags	closed
salesman	dolls	selves	dissolves
yourselves	doomsday	comes	fines
jeans	minds	games	bars
guards	girls	serves	truths
drives			





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