

Pronunciation rules for final – ed – and – s –

1. Final 's'

If a word ends in the letter 's' (e.g. plural noun or verb in the third person), there are three ways to pronounce this 's' - /S/, /Z/ and /IZ/.

/S/	If the word ends in one of the following sounds: /f/ /k/ /p/ /t/h	EXAMPLES: laughs /cats/ talks /
/Z/	If the word ends in one of the following sounds: /b/ /d/ /g/ /j/ /l/ /m/ /n/ /ng/ /r/ /v/ /w/ + all vowel sound	EXAMPLES: Dreams/jobs/towns
/IZ/	If the word ends in one of the following sounds: /s/ /ks/ /z/ x/ch/ sh/	EXAMPLES: boxes /busses/

2. Final 'ed'

If a word ends in the letter 'ed' (e.g. adjective or the past of a regular verb) may be pronounced /T/, /D/ or /ID/.

/t/	If the word ends in one of the following sounds: /f/ /h/ /k/ /ks/ /p/ /s/ ch/ts/tch	EXAMPLES: liked/helped/ talked
/d/	If the word ends in one of the following sounds: /b/dg/ /g/ /j/ /l/ /m/ /n/ /ng/ /r/ /v/ /w/ /z/ + all vowel sounds	EXAMPLES: rubbed /died/ hugged
/id/	If the word ends in one of the following sounds: /t/ /d/	EXAMPLES: painted /started added /

Activity one: Put the following words in the correct columns according to their final pronunciation

Cheques, books, lives, hours, earns, products, damages, loves, minutes, closes, lessons, wants, messages, hates, cooks, sandwiches , faces, paints, phrases, glasses, factories

/S/	/Z/	/IZ/
Cheques	damages	sandwiches
Books	earns	faces
products	hours	phrases
minutes	lives	closes
wants	loves	glasses
hates	lessons	
Cooks	messages	
, paints	factories	

Activity one:

Put the following words in the correct columns according to their final pronunciation

opened, looked, covered, boasted, laughed, pointed, , screamed, wanted, shouted, asked, delighted, asked, pleased, packed, finished, helped

/T/	/D/	/ID/
looked	opened	wanted
asked	covered	boasted
laughed	screamed	pointed
pleased	asked	shouted
finished	packed	delighted
helped		