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| **Simple Present: Pronunciation Rules** | | | |
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|  | **BASE FORM OF VERB** | **SPELLING** | **PRONUNCIATION** |
|  | The final sound of the verb is “voiceless” (for example: p / t / f / k / s / th):  sleep | Add “-s”.  *He sleeps eight hours every night.* | /s/ |
| The final sound of the verb is “voiced” (for example: b / d / v / g / l / m / n / r or a vowel):  prepare | Add “-s”.  *He prepares dinner*. | /z/ |
| The verb ends in sh, ch, x, z, or ss:  watch | Add “-es”.  *He watches T.V.* | /IZ/ |
| The verb ends in a consonant + “y”:  hurry | Change “y” to “i” and add “-es”.  *She hurries home.* | /z/ |
| The verb ends in a vowel + “y”:  play | Add “-s”.  *He plays tennis on Saturday.* | /z/ |
| Irregular Forms:  have  go  do | *Rita has a job.*  *Jane goes to work every day.*  *Jim does the dishes.* | /z/ |
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| *Say the verbs and listen to the final sound. Check /S/, /Z/, or /IZ/.* |

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| **VERB** | | **/S/** | **/Z/** | **/IZ/** |
| 1. | loves |  |  |  |
| 2. | wakes |  |  |  |
| 3. | pushes |  |  |  |
| 4. | leaves |  |  |  |
| 5. | lies |  |  |  |
| 6. | hates |  |  |  |
| 7. | puts |  |  |  |
| 8. | dreams |  |  |  |
| 9. | snores |  |  |  |
| 10. | needs |  |  |  |
| 11. | goes |  |  |  |
| 12. | finds |  |  |  |
| 13. | says |  |  |  |
| 14. | continues |  |  |  |
| 15. | shakes |  |  |  |
| 16. | shouts |  |  |  |
| 17. | gets |  |  |  |
| 18. | wants |  |  |  |
| 19. | runs |  |  |  |
| 20. | watches |  |  |  |