

Simple Present: Pronunciation Rules

| BASE FORM OF VERB | SPELLING | PRONUNCIATION |
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| <p>The final sound of the verb is “voiceless” (for example: p / t / f / k / s / th):</p> <p>sleep</p> | <p>Add “-s”.</p> <p><i>He <u>sle<u>ep</u>s</u> eight hours every night.</i></p> | /s/ |
| <p>The final sound of the verb is “voiced” (for example: b / d / v / g / l / m / n / r or a vowel):</p> <p>prepare</p> | <p>Add “-s”.</p> <p><i>He <u>pre<u>par</u>e</u>s dinner.</i></p> | /z/ |
| <p>The verb ends in sh, ch, x, z, or ss:</p> <p>watch</p> | <p>Add “-es”.</p> <p><i>He <u>watch<u>es</u></u> T.V.</i></p> | /ɪz/ |
| <p>The verb ends in a consonant + “y”:</p> <p>hurry</p> | <p>Change “y” to “i” and add “-es”.</p> <p><i>She <u>hurri<u>e</u>s</u> home.</i></p> | /z/ |
| <p>The verb ends in a vowel + “y”:</p> <p>play</p> | <p>Add “-s”.</p> <p><i>He <u>play<u>s</u></u> tennis on Saturday.</i></p> | /z/ |
| <p>Irregular Forms:</p> <p>have</p> <p>go</p> <p>do</p> | <p><i>Rita <u>has</u> a job.</i></p> <p><i>Jane <u>go<u>es</u></u> to work every day.</i></p> <p><i>Jim <u>do<u>es</u></u> the dishes.</i></p> | /z/ |

Beginner 1 – Exercise 24 – Simple Present: Pronunciation Rules

Say the verbs and listen to the final sound. Check /S/, /Z/, or /IZ/.

| 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 | | | |