

PLURAL "S" – PRONUNCIATION

PUT THESE WORDS IN THE CORRECT COLUMN:

BOOTS, BRIEFCASES, EARRINGS, GLASSES, GLOVES, PANTS,
PURSES, SHOES, SOCKS

S	Z	IZ

IRREGULAR PLURALS:

man men

woman women

child children

person people

tooth teeth

mouse mice

PLURAL PRONUNCIATION RULES

[S] [Z] [IZ]

I. The plural is pronounced [S] after the following VOICELESS sounds:

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| A. [p] ⇒ cups | D. [f] ⇒ cliff |
| B. [t] ⇒ hats | E. [θ] ⇒ myths |
| C. [k] ⇒ cooks | |

II. The plural is pronounced [Z] after the following VOICED sounds:

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| A. [b] ⇒ crabs | F. [n] ⇒ fans |
| B. [d] ⇒ cards | G. [ŋ] ⇒ kings |
| C. [g] ⇒ rugs | H. [l] ⇒ deals |
| D. [v] ⇒ gloves | I. [r] ⇒ tears |
| E. [m] ⇒ plums | J. [ð] ⇒ clothes |

III. The plural is pronounced [IZ] after the following sounds:

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| A. [s] ⇒ races | D. [ʒ] ⇒ garage |
| B. [z] ⇒ pauses | E. [tʃ] ⇒ churches |
| C. [ʃ] ⇒ dishes | F. [dʒ] ⇒ ages, judges |