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Plurals

Third person singular  
of the present simple  
tense

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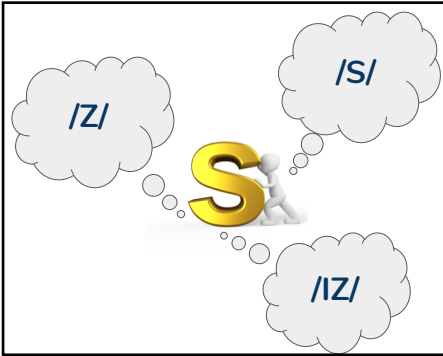
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last letter before S      last letter before S

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→ Unvoiced sounds

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Vowels	i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ	Phonemic Chart
	e	ə	ɜ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	
	æ	ʌ	ɑ:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	
	ɔ	ɒ	ɒ	ɒ	ɒ	ɒ	
Consonants	p	b	t	d	ʃ	ʒ	Contents
	f	v	θ	ð	s	z	
	m	n	ŋ	j	l	r	
	w	h	w	h	w	h	

Source: Alfa English. (2017). Improve English Pronunciation with the Phonemic Chart. Available: <https://alfaenglish.co.uk/blog/improve-english-pronunciation-phonemic-chart>. Last accessed 6th September 2019.

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penultimate sound

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Tongue on roof of mouth



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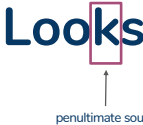
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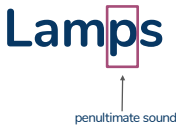
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penultimate sound




penultimate sound



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	e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ		
	æ	ʌ	ɑ:	ɒ	eə	aɪ		
	ɔɪ	əʊ	aʊ	ɔɪ	əʊ	aʊ		
Consonants	p	b	t	d	ʃ	ʒ	k	g
	f	v	θ	ð	s	z	h	ʒ
	m	n	ŋ	j	l	r	w	h
	ɪ	ʊ	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	aʊ

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/p/      /h/      /tʃ/


     /t/

/k/      /s/      /f/

     /ʃ/      /θ/

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Verb	Penultimate Sound	Noun
claps	/p/	cups
hits	/t/	bats
likes	/k/	trucks
puffs	/f/	cliffs
froths	/θ/	births
	/v/	
	/g/	
	/s/	
	/ʃ/	

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froths	/θ/	births
	/v/	
catches	/g/	churches
kisses	/s/	gases
wishes	/ʃ/	dishes

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**Teeth closed**

**Tongue on roof of mouth**

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**Calls**

penultimate sound

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	e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ		
	æ	ʌ	ɑ:	ɒ	eə	aɪ		
	aʊ	short	long					
Consonants	p	b	t	d	ʃ	ʒ	k	g
	f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
	m	n	ŋ	j	l	r	w	h
	ŋ	ʒ	ʒ	ʒ	ʒ	ʒ	ʒ	ʒ

The 44 phonemes of Standard British English with examples of common spellings. Adapted by **Alba English** co.uk

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grabs	/b/	pubs
reads	/d/	birds
wins	/n/	bins
screams	/m/	arms
plays	/j/	toys
sings	/ŋ/	wings
pours	/r/	cars
gives	/v/	loaves
throws	/w/	windows
calls	/l/	balls
hugs	/g/	bags
soothes	/ð/	clothes

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Verb	Penultimate Sound	Noun
buzzes	/z/	blitzes
judges	/ʒ/	cages
massages	/ʒ/	collages

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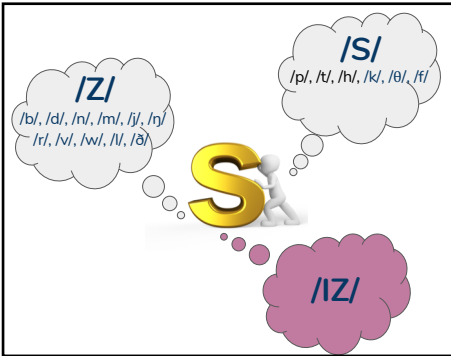
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/dʒ/      /tʃ/

/z/

/ʒ/      /s/

/ʃ/

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