

Most common consonant sounds for an ABAU exam:

Most of the rules regarding the plural and 3rd person sg. of the present simple tense, -s, -es are also applied for most of the -ss

/ s /

Most common spellings:

-Initial -s (always) as in *so sat sample soon soap sign soil*

In clusters like **sp-**, **st-**,as in *spare /speɪ/ stain /stein/ scare smoke snake*
slow sphere stray stew scream square

-final -s (very few times) as in *goose /gu:s/ famous /feɪməs/ dose /dəʊs/ mouse /maʊs/*

All the plurals and 3rd person sg. with the -s preceded by PETAKA and ...

--ss (always) as in *pass essay puss losses /lɒsɪz/* . Exception: *scissors /sɪzəz/*

-c / -sc (always) as in *niece cease piece concert pencil excite ice fierce*
scarce science

-x (when pronounced /ks/) *axe, exam* Exception: *exact /ɪg'zækt/*

-Final clusters like -sp, -st, -sk, -sm, -sn, -sns, -sl, -ns, nsl, snt, -ps, -ls, -nks, ks0. as in

gasp rest ask tourism listen muscle license
Vince pencil decent lapse pulse thanks sixth

/ z /

Most common spellings:

-S (never initial, only mid position or final position) as in : *rose easy hesitate bosom*
thousand husband fees is says as was does rose cows noise

All the plurals and 3rd person sg. with the -s preceded by VOWEL, LIMONERO, BODEGA, THE FINAL _S SOUND * plural, and

-z , -zz (always) as in *zeal zoo dizzy zink zone bazaar lazy ooze gaze*

Compare: /s/ /z/

*seal, zeal ; sink, zink ; deacease, disease ; fussy, fuzzy ; racer, razor ; peace, peas ;
loose, lose ; gross, grows, place, plays ; ice, eyes ; scarce, scares , pence, pens;
false, falls*

/tʃ /

Most common spellings:

-ch, -tch as in *chain cheese chin charge church choke cheer chief orchard
butcher merchant mischief watch larch porch much coach bench
branch much*

-t + ure / eous as in *nature feature gesture posture juncture capture lecture culture
adventure righteous*

-t + -ion as in *question*

/dʒ /

Most common spellings:

-j as in *jam jar Jew jerk joke major object John Josephine*

-g as in *gem gin gym fragile urgent orgy agenda danger Belgian large huge
age change*

-dg as in *edge dodge judge*

-sometimes **-gg, -dj-, -di-, -ch** as in *suggest adjacent soldier Norwich*

Compare: /tʃ / /dʒ /

chin, gin ; chest/jest ; choose, jews ; choke, joke; cheer, jeer ; nature, major ; larch, large

/ʃ /

Most common spellings:

-sh as in *shoe sheet shed shop shout bishop ashore bush cushion dish cash*
wash push rush finish shrink marshal

-ch (very few words) as in *machine charade* **-sch** (exceptional) as in *schedule*
(Brit. Eng.) /ʃedyu:l/

-s (only in some very common words) as in *sure sugar Asia*

-ss before -u, -ti, -si, -sci, -ci, -ce as in *assure nation patient mansion*
mission conscience special ocean

Compare:

/ʃ /

/tʃ /

sheep, cheap ; shore, chore ; shoes, choose ; wash, watch

/ʒ /

Most common spellings:

-sion as in *vision confusion vision decision*

-final -sure as in *measure pleasure leisure*

-z before -u as in *seizure*

-final -ge as in *beige prestige* (words coming from French)

/h /

Most common spellings:-

-h- as in *how hat heat hen ham hot horse here hair hello ahead behave*
perhaps behind manhood adhere

-wh as in *who whom*

Note. Silent -h : *hour, honest honour heir exhaust exhibit vehicle*
shepherd Durham Nottingham Buckingham

/ ~~w~~ /

Most common spellings:

-w as in west wet wag wood word wave woke wear twig twelve twin
twice swim swear upwards away aware always

-wh as in which wheat whether what white

-u after q, g as in quick queen quantity quite acquaint square squash
squirrel equal language

Note: one once choir suite

Words with different spellings but equal pronunciation:

witch, which ; weather, whether ; wine, whine ; Wales, whales ; wear, whear

Compare: / ~~w~~ / / ~~v~~ /

west, vest ; worse, verse ; wine, vine ; wail, veil.

"s" of plurals and 3rd person singular present tense

/s/ 1.- after voiceless sounds like :

(PETAKA)	<u>Verb</u>	stops	puts	speaks
	<u>Plural</u>	lips	cats	oaks

2.- after /f/ or /θ/ like :

<u>Verb</u>	snifs	smooths
<u>Plural</u>	chiefs	maths

/z/ 1.- after voiced sounds like :

(LIMONERO)	<u>Verb</u>	steals	sums	runs	prefers
	<u>Plural</u>	meals	exams	nuns	colours
(BODEGA)	<u>Verb</u>	robs	sends	divides (el e final es sordo)	logs
	<u>Plural</u>	combs	beds	pigs	

/v/ believes (el e final es sordo)

/n/ sings songs buildings

/ʒ/ measures (n/v)

2.- after vowel sounds like :

<u>Verb</u>	Plays	enjoys	follows	sees	flies	shows
<u>Plural</u>	peas	cities	cows	bras		

/iz/ 1.- After verbs ending in sounds of the s - family like: /s/, /z/, /ʒ/, /tʃ/ and /dʒ/.

<u>Verbs</u>	misses	fixes /fiksiz/	faces/feisiz/	amazes	washes	watches	judges
<u>Plural</u>	kisses	noses/n uziz/	dishes	matches	judges		

Exercise

1.- Which of the following -s endings are pronounced like finishes /iz/ ?

Boxes , believes convinces, drives, catches, claps, pushes, explodes

2.- Which of the verbs you haven't ticked are pronounced with an /s/ or a /z/ sound?

PAST TENSE AND -ED ADJECTIVES PRONUCIATION RULES

/d/ 1.- after vowel sounds, for example: followed, enjoyed, played, tried

2.- after voiced-consonant sounds like

(LIMONERO): labeled, spelled, controled, skimmed, planed, offered.

(BODEGA): robbed, logged

/v/ live (la e final es sorda)-----lived

/z/ buzz-----buzzed

/dʒ/ judge-----judged

/ð/ bathe -----bathed, sunbathed

/ŋ/ long for ----- longed

/t/ 1. After voiceless-consonant sounds like

(PETAKA): stopped, like (la e final essorda)----- liked

/ʃ/ wash ----- washed

/tʃ/ watch ----- watched

/s/ miss ----- missed , fix /fiks/----- fixed

/f/ snif ----- sniffed

/id/ 1.- after /t/ or /d/ sounds like

Want ----- wanted complete (la e final es sorda)----- completed

Depend ----- depended

Exercise

1.- Which of the following -ed endings are pronounced like helped /t/ ?

Called , laughed, used, rained, separated, stayed, looked, included

2.- Which of the following -ed endings are pronounced like cleaned / d / ?

Rubbed , loved, danced, punished, concentrated, boxed, punched, provided

3.- Which of the following -ed endings are pronounced like reminded /id/ ?

Folded, amazed, completed, kissed, damaged, closed, ended, claimed, regretted