

Pronunciation of the final “ S “ and final “ Ed”

+ Final “S”

The “ S “ at the end of a word can be pronounced in three (3) different ways: S , Z or IZ according to the last consonant before it.

First case /S/

It is pronounced “ S “ if it follows one of these letters : F,T,p,k,th,gh,ph.

For example: Likes - Mouths – stops –laughs –treats.

Second case /Z/

It is pronounced “Z “ if it follows one of these letters :

b,d,g,l,m,n,r,v,w,y,the+Vowels .

For example: Cars – robes – learns – loves – windows.

Third case /IZ/

It is pronounced “IZ “ if it follows one of these letters :C, ch,sh,s,ss,x,ge,dge,z.

For example: boxes – watches – presses – changes – bridges.

Final “Ed”

The “ed” at the end of a word is pronounced: T ,D or ID according to the consonant before it .

First case / T /

It is pronounced “ T” if it follows one of these letters : F,p,k,sh,ch,gh,Ss

For exemple: Liked - hoped – sniffed –laughed –missed.

Second case / D /

It is pronounced “D”for all other ending sounds :

A,b,e,g,h,l,j,L,m,n,o,Q,r,u,v,w,x,y,z.

For exemple: played– arrived – begged – loved – borrowed.

Third case / ID/

It is pronounced “ID” if it follows one of these letters :T, D

For exemple: ended– lifted – wanted – decided - started.

❖ Syllables

Syllables in Arabic depends on the number of vowels in a word. The vowels are “ a,e,o,u,y,i,” and there are four (4) rules in this lesson .

Rules

- **Rule 1 :** one (1) vowel = 1 syllable.
Computer : 3 vowels = 3 syllables.
Interact : 3 vowels = 3 syllables.
- **Rule 2:** Two (2) or more vowels together make (1) syllable.
Cool = 1 syllable
Nation = 2 syllables
Beautiful = 3 syllables
- **Rule 3:** The “ e “ at the end of the word in non a syllable .
Snake = 1 syllable
Nice = 1 syllable
- **Rule 4 :** “ Consonant + le = syllable
Ble - gle - fle –sle –tle – cle
People = 2 syllables
Table = 2 syllables
- **Rule 5 :** Final “s” just the third case / IZ /
Final “ ed “ just the third case / ID/
Watches = 2 syllables
Wanted = 2 syllables