

Pronouncing S in the middle of words:

- When S is between vowels, it is pronounced as Z. Examples: visit, easy, deposit
- When S comes before the sounds P, T or K, it is pronounced S. Examples: aspirin, desk, interest
- When S comes before other consonant sounds, it is pronounced Z. Examples: husband, Tuesday, cosmetics

Practice pronouncing these words. Tell whether you hear S or Z

hospital	cousin	east	wisdom	Thursday	almost
museum	yesterday	result	deserve	opposite	minister
against	closet	least	pleasant	worst	president
thousand	rescue	busy	chosen	poison	crisp

Mark the S letters with an S or a Z according to the pronunciation.

1. The president deserves our support.
2. Deposit the money in the bank and it will earn interest.
3. She had a pleasant visit with her cousin.
4. The rat poison costs at least four dollars a box.
5. Yesterday the minister was preaching against stealing.
6. Sara was almost poisoned when she ate some aspirin.
7. It isn't easy to find things in this messy closet.
8. Last fall our team had the worst season ever.

Study the vocabulary on page 128-9 of the OPD. Fill in the blanks with the vocabulary words.

1. I have some dirty clothes. They need washing. I need a _____.
2. I have to work. I have young children. I need to leave them in a nice _____.
3. My husband needs a haircut. Where is a _____.
4. I need to make copies of these papers. Where can I find a _____.
5. You can park on the street. Put your quarters in the _____.
6. Here comes the fire truck. They will attach their hoses to the _____.
7. The _____ at the corner shows the names of the streets at the intersection.
8. Be sure and stop when there are pedestrians in the _____.
9. Buy a newspaper at the _____.
10. I don't have a car. I ride to work on the _____.
11. I have to eat in a hurry. I will go to the _____ at the _____ and pick up a burger and fries.
12. I will get my prescription filled at the _____.
13. If you have a handicap sticker on your car you can park in the _____.

14. Put the letters in the _____.
15. The _____ sells hot dogs from his cart.
16. Let's rent some movies at the _____.
17. Wait at the _____ for the bus.
18. If you cross the street in the middle, you are _____.

Color Idioms: Read the sentences and tell the meaning of the underlined idiom.

1. Today is a red-letter day. I got my first 100 on a test.
2. Brenda got a brand new car. I'm green with envy.
3. She was so frightened by the accident that she blacked out and couldn't remember anything.
4. I don't know why I feel so blue today.
5. Once in a blue moon it snows in Austin.
6. I was trying to remember her name, when out of the blue, it came to me.
7. Jenny's roses are beautiful. She has such a green thumb.
8. It's the end of the month and I'm in the red, as usual.
9. When our new manager arrived, we really rolled out the red carpet.
10. I told her a little white lie when she asked me if I thought she needed to lose weight.
11. My mom and dad are coming for a visit. I'm tickled pink.
12. Elizabeth Taylor was a queen of the silver screen for many years.
13. During the hurricane we saw people in their true colors.

DISCUSSION:

1. What happens in your country once in a blue moon?
2. Would you tell a white lie if someone asked if they looked good in a dress?
3. Do you have a green thumb?
4. Have you ever blacked out?
5. What would make you green with envy?
6. What would make you tickled pink?
7. Have you ever been surprised when you saw someone in their true colors?
8. Does your country have any color idioms?
9. What is a good or lucky color in your country?
10. What is the most restful color? What is a color you would never paint your room? Is pink a girl's color and blue a boy's color in your culture? Is there any color you absolutely won't wear?