

Handout 07

To make the Plural of nouns add "-s" or "-es"

• "-es" is added for words ending in:

| "-ch" | watch, watches |
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| "-sh" | dish, dishes |
| | tomato, tomatoes (Some nouns ending in -o take -s as the plural, while others take -es.) |
| | kiss, kisses |
| | box, boxes |
| "-z" | buzz, buzzes |

If the word ends in "-y" preceded by a consonant, replace the "y" with "i" and add "-es" university, universities

How to pronounce the -s / -es in English?



When adding -s or -es the word may have three different sound endings.

/s/ after voiceless sounds /p//t//k//f//θ/

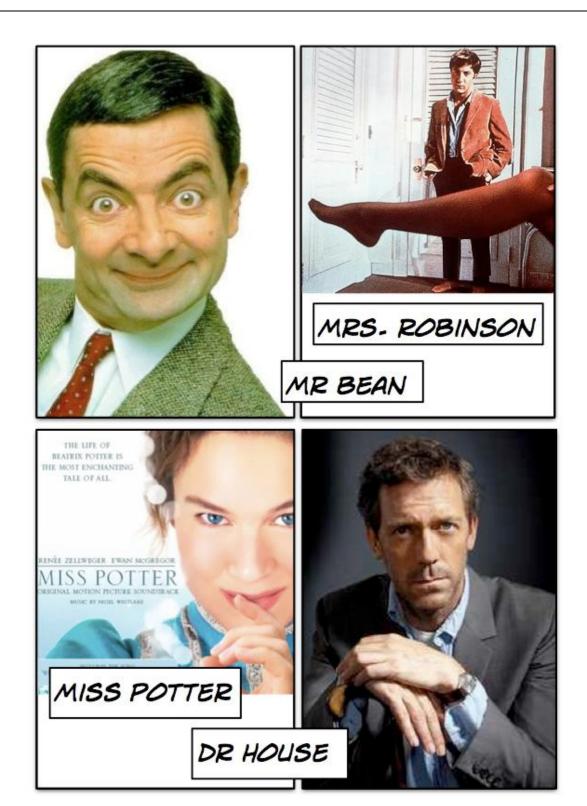
cups, Pete's friend, puts

• /z/ after voiced sounds /b//d//g//v//ð//m//n// η //1//r//w//j/ and vowel sounds

bags, Jane's sisters, plays

• /\(\taz\) after sibilants /s/ /\(\frac{1}{2}\) /\(\frac{1}\) /\(\frac{1}{2}\) /\(\frac{1}{2}\) /\(\frac{1}

kisses, Alice's , washes



Titles and its abbreviations

 ${\bf Mr}$ is the abbreviation for Mister. It is used before a man's name. The plural form is Messrs.

Mr Bean

Mr is used sometimes before the position a person holds.

Yes, Mr President / Chairman.

Mrs is the abbreviation for Mistress. It is used before a married woman's name and it is pronounced /misiz/.

Mrs Blanco is receiving visitors.

Ms is written before a woman's name, but we do not specify if she is married or not. It is pronounced as /miz/.

I sent an e-mail to Ms Swam yesterday.

Miss is used before the name of a woman who is not married or who is not using her husband's surname. It is also used for girls. It is pronounced /mis/.

Good evening, Miss Haynes.

In some schools, students call "Miss" their women teachers.

I love Miss White's lessons.

You use all these titles in spoken or written form to refer to people in a polite way or when you do not know them well.

Sir is the title used when we don't know the name of a man. Note that it is used alone. It is used in commercial and official letters. The plural form is "Sirs or Gentlemen".

Sir is also used in schools by students to refer to their male teacher, by shop assistants and waiters.

Dear Sir: (American style) Dear Sir, (British) - salutation in letters.

What would you like to drink, sir?

Madam is used to refer to a woman when we don't know her name. It is used as a salutation in official and business letters. In speech, it is used by shop assistants and waiters.

Dear Madam, Can I help you, madam?

Dr. is the title for Doctor and Prof. is the title for Professor.