

There are several different spellings for /s/ at the end of a word.

Lesson 100: Spelling with -SS, -CE, or -SE

Prove and read the words under each section. The first word in each section has been done for you. One-syllable, short vowel words ending in the /s/ sound usually end in -ss.

drěs* grass class miss fuss

One-syllable, long vowel words ending in the /s/ sound usually end in -ce.

grāce lice truce rice face

Most one-syllable, short vowel words with a consonant preceding the /s/ sound at the end usually end in -ce.

Frănce glance since fence prince

Some one-syllable words containing adjacent vowels, Murmur Diphthongs, and Special Vowel Sounds can end in -se (geese) or -ce (peace).

choice horse ounce piece mouse

Most words with the -se spelling have the /z/ sound.

chēese surprise compose

