## Spelling list: Non-statutory words: adding -s and -es

Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs) If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelt as s. If the ending sounds like /z/ and forms an extra syllable or beat in the word, it is spelt as es.

cats Stray **cats** are often very thin.

dogs Some **dogs** live outside in a kennel.

spends A baby **spends** nine months in the womb.

rocks You need strong footwear to walk over **rocks**.

thanks Please convey my **thanks** to your boss.

catches The cricketer got the other player out with one of his superb **catches** .