

# short ă /æ/ A

initial	medial	
accident	bad	laugh
after	can	man
am	damage	matter
and	glass	ran
angry	had	stand
answer	happen	thank
as	happy	that
ask	have	understand
at		

CD One, track 1

**Student A:** What's the matter? You look angry.

**Student B:** I am. I had a car accident.

**Student A:** What happened?

**Student B:** A man ran a red light. He damaged my fender.  
And he broke the glass on my headlight.

**Student A:** That's too bad!

CD One, track 2

# short ĭ /ɪ/ I

initial	medial	
if	admit	visit
in	sit	little
instead	give	will
invite	six	difficult
is	big	miss
it	thing	discuss
its/it's	bring	winter
	this	wish
	children	during
	contribute	since
	listen	with

CD One, track 43

**Grandmother:** Listen, it's time to sit down and discuss something. We should go visit the children this winter.

**Grandfather:** Why don't we invite them here instead? Since their house is so little, it's difficult to stay with them.

**Grandmother:** I admit our house is bigger. Let's tell them we miss them, and we will contribute to plane tickets to come here during Christmas.

**Grandfather:** I sure wish they would bring the grandkids with them, too!

CD One, track 44

# long ī /aʲ/ AY

initial	medial		final
I	behind	like	die
idea	child	might	lie
island	decide	mind	tie
item	design	nice	
	diet	quiet	
	find	realize	
	high	right/write	
	kind	surprise	
	life	wife	

CD One, track 45

**Husband:** I just realized it's my wife's birthday. I can't decide how to surprise her.

**Friend:** Chocolates are a nice idea, if she's not on a diet. My wife likes designer candy.

**Husband:** This is her 40<sup>th</sup>, so I might need to find something with a higher price tag!

CD One, track 46

# s pronounced /z/ Z

medial		final	
business	prison	advise	his
busy	reason	always	is
easy	result	as	lose
husband	visit	because	raise
present		close*	these
president		clothes	use*
		excuse*	was
			wise

**\*Note:** The **s** in these words is pronounced /z/ in the verb form. When these words act as a noun, adjective, or adverb, the **s** is pronounced /s/.

CD Three, track 7

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**Employee 1:** Did you have your meeting with the president? Did you ask for a raise?

**Employee 2:** No. He was too busy. Say, do you think it's wise for me to give the reason I need a raise? It's not easy for me to admit that my husband is in prison!

**Employee 1:** I advise against it. It's none of their business. You deserve a raise because you always work hard and you get good results!

CD Three, track 8

# other s pronunciations

sh pronounced /ʃ/ SH		su pronounced /ʃ/ SH	su and si pronounced /z/ ZH
crash	she	issue	decision
English	shoe	sugar	measure
finish	should	sure	pleasure
fresh	show		television
push	shut		treasure
shape	wash		usual
share	wish		version

CD Three, track 9

**Roommate 1:** You should turn off the television and study your English.

**Roommate 2:** This show is almost finished. Anyway, it's in English, so don't make an issue of it.

**Roommate 1:** Sure. It's your decision. But if you want to be in shape for your exam tomorrow, you need to push yourself to study.

CD Three, track 10