

Consonant Sound /s/ spelled “c”

Note: Generally, the letter “c” represents the /s/ sound *only* in front of the letters “e,” “i” or “y.” The list below is subdivided into “ce,” “ci” and “cy” combinations.

1-syllable

-ce-

ace
brace
cell
cent
cease
dice
face
grace
ice
lace
lice
mice
nice
pace
place
price
race
rice
slice
space
spice
trace
truce
vice

2-syllable (1st syllable)

-ce-

brace let
ce dar
cei ling
cell ar
ce ment
cen sor
cen sus
cen ter
cen tral
cer tain
grace ful
ice berg
price less

-ci-

ci der
ci gar
cin der
ci pher
cir cle
cir cuit
cir cus
ci stern
ci trus
ci ty
ci vil

-cy-

cy cle
cy clist
cy clone

2-syllable (2nd syllable)

-ce-

ac cent
ac cept
ac cess
ad vice
can cel
can cer
con ceal
con ceive
con cept
con cern
con cert
de ceased
de ceive
de cent
de duce
dis grace
em brace
gro cer
in cense
li cense
par cel
prin cess
pro ceed
pro cess
pro duce

re cede

re cent

re ceive

re ceipt

re duce

re place

re trace

sau cer

se duce

shoe lace*

sin cere

suc ceed

suc cess

ul cer

-ci-

a cid

con cise

coun cil

de cide

do cile

i cing

in cite

pier cing

pla cid

pen cil

pre cise

ra cism

ra cist

re cite

sten cil

-cy-
chan cy
fan cy
i cy
mer cy

**3-syllable
(1st syllable)**

-ce-
ce le brate
ce ler y
cell u lar
Cel si us
cen ti grade
cen tur y
cer a mic
cer e al

-ci-
ci gar ette
ci ne ma
cinn a mon
cir cu lar
cir cu late
cir cum stance
ci ti zen
ci vi lize

-cy-
cy lin der

**3-syllable
(2nd syllable)**

-ce-
an ce stor
con cei ted
con cen trate
De cem ber

gro cer ies
in cen tive
per cen tage
por ce lain
pro ce dure
pro ce ssion
re cei ver
re cep tion
sin cere ly
sor cer er

-ci-
ac ci dent
a ci dic
cru ci fy
de ci bel
de ci mal
de ci sion
de ci sive
i ci cle
in ci dent
in ci sion
pa ci fist
pa ci fy
pre ci pice
prin ci pal
prin ci ple
re ci pe
re ci tal
spe ci fic
spe ci men
spe ci fy

-cy
bi cy cle
re cy cle
tri cy cle

**3-syllable
(3rd syllable)**

-ce-
ad ja cent
in de cent
inn o cence
inn o cent
in ter cept
in tro duce
off i cer

-ci-
co in cide
cri ti cism
cri ti cize
me di cine
pe sti cide
sa cri fice
su i cide

-cy-
fre quen cy
lu na cy
phar ma cy
ten den cy

**4&5 syllable
(1st syllable)**

-ce-
ce le bra tion
ce me ter y
cen ti me ter
cer e mo ny

-ci-
cir cum fer ence
ci vi li an

ci vi li za tion
(2nd syllable)

-ce-
ac ce ler ate
ac ce ler a tor
ac cess or y
ne cess ar y
ne cess i ty
re cep tio nist

-ci-
so ci e ty

(3rd syllable)

-ce-
rhi no cer os*

-ci-
ca pa ci ty
co in ci dence
par ti ci pate
pu bli ci ty
se mi cir cle

(4th syllable)

-cy-
de mo cra cy
di plo ma cy
e mer gen cy
li ter a cy

*Indicates an
uncommon
spelling