

APPENDIX 5: SPELLING: -s FORM OF VERBS AND NOUNS

USUALLY word + s takes girls

BUT

a WORD + es IF THE WORD ENDS WITH

sh crashes washes **ss** guesses passes

ch teaches watches **x** boxes fixes

zz buzzes

and sometimes with **o** does goes potatoes tomatoes

b IF WORD ENDS WITH CONSONANT + y (Appendix 4), y → i + es

carry – carries cry – cries

family – families fly – flies worry – worries

but note that VOWEL + y is regular: say – says day – days

c IF WORD ENDS WITH fe, fe → ve + s

knife – knives life – lives wife – wives

d IF WORD ENDS WITH f

sometimes **f** → **v** + **es**

half – halves self – selves thief – thieves

leaf – leaves shelf – shelves wolf – wolves

and sometimes it is regular:

belief – beliefs chief – chiefs