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Winner!

Al writes:

Please explain the difference between verbs which end with a "ze" and those that end with "se", for example, "realize and realise", "finalize and finalise".

Is there a difference between them?

Answer:

The only difference is that the British use 'se' and the Americans use 'ze'.

But, remember to pronounce either with a / z / sound, not an "s".

The two examples are

RE ir lize and FI nirl ize.

This weeks' winner is

Al Siow. Congratulations!

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