The Last Y

Sort words by their syllables and the sound of y.

2.LF.10 "Apply knowledge of phoneme-grapheme correspondences, multisyllabic word construction, and syllable division principles to decode and encode (spell) words accurately in isolation and in context. a..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ONE BEAT

A one-syllable word has one beat. When y is at the end, it says long i.

fly

TWO BEATS

A two-syllable word has two beats. When y is at the end, it says long e.

baby

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word, circle ONE or TWO, then write how you knew for two of your choices.

1. funny — ONE TWO
2. muddy — ONE TWO
3. sky — ONE TWO
4. sleepy — ONE TWO
5. try — ONE TWO
6. dry — ONE TWO
7. rainy — ONE TWO
8. sunny — ONE TWO

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new word that ends in y for each group. Do not use a word from the sort.

ONE _____

TWO _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using one sorted word from each group.

ANSWER KEY # The Last Y

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	funny	**TWO**	Fun-ny has two syllables, and the final y says long e.
2	muddy	**TWO**	Mud-dy has two syllables, and the final y says long e.
3	sky	**ONE**	Sky has one syllable, and the final y says long i.
4	sleepy	**TWO**	Sleep-y has two syllables, and the final y says long e.
5	try	**ONE**	Try has one syllable, and the final y says long i.
6	dry	**ONE**	Dry has one syllable, and the final y says long i.
7	rainy	**TWO**	Rain-y has two syllables, and the final y says long e.
8	sunny	**TWO**	Sun-ny has two syllables, and the final y says long e.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ONE**: shy
- **TWO**: puppy

Challenge: The funny bird will try.

For the two explanations, accept answers that correctly name each word's syllable count and final y sound. The challenge sentence uses funny from TWO and try from ONE.