Final Y Sounds

Spell each word, then sort it by its final sound.

2.LF.38 "Apply knowledge of grade-appropriate phoneme-grapheme correspondences, multisyllabic word construction, syllable division principles, and spelling rules (or generalizations) to encode words accurately. a..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ONE SYLLABLE, LONG I

When y is the only vowel at the end of a one-syllable word, it usually says long i.

shy

TWO SYLLABLES, LONG E

At the end of a two-syllable word, y often says long e.

penny

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, read each clue, finish the word, and circle ONE or TWO; for Part 2, pick two words and explain how you knew.

1. Not wet: d___ ONE TWO

2. Move through the air: f___ ONE TWO

3. A very young child: b____ ONE TWO

4. A little rabbit: b_____ ONE TWO

5. Bright with sunlight: s_____ ONE TWO

6. Make an effort: t___ ONE TWO

7. Take with you: c_____ ONE TWO

8. Ask for a reason: w___ 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 ONE and one new word that ends in y for TWO.

ONE _____

TWO _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with two more words that end in y, one from each category, and underline both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Not wet: d__	**ONE**	Dry has one syllable, and its final y says long i.
2	Move through the air: f__	**ONE**	Fly has one syllable, and its final y says long i.
3	A very young child: b___	**TWO**	Baby has two syllables, and its final y says long e.
4	A little rabbit: b____	**TWO**	Bunny has two syllables, and its final y says long e.
5	Bright with sunlight: s____	**TWO**	Sunny has two syllables, and its final y says long e.
6	Make an effort: t__	**ONE**	Try has one syllable, and its final y says long i.
7	Take with you: c____	**TWO**	Carry has two syllables, and its final y says long e.
8	Ask for a reason: w__	**ONE**	Why has one syllable, and its final y says long i.

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**: by
- **TWO**: candy

Challenge: The puppy can spy a bird.

For Part 2, a student might explain: "Fly has one syllable, so its y says long i. Bunny has two syllables, so its y says long e." Accept other correctly spelled final-y words that fit the categories in Part 3.