The Y Switch

Choose how to add -ed to words ending in y.

5.RF.3.e "Apply spelling patterns and rules to spell words accurately."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CHANGE THE Y

If a consonant comes right before the final y, change the y to i before you add -ed.

fry + ed = fried

KEEP THE Y

If a vowel comes right before the final y, keep the y and add -ed.

delay + ed = delayed

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CHANGE or KEEP for each base word plus -ed, then choose two items and explain how the letter before y helped you decide.

1. reply + ed — CHANGE KEEP

2. hurry + ed — CHANGE KEEP

3. enjoy + ed — CHANGE KEEP

4. carry + ed — CHANGE KEEP

5. play + ed — CHANGE KEEP

6. obey + ed — CHANGE KEEP

7. marry + ed — CHANGE KEEP

8. study + ed — CHANGE KEEP

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 base word plus -ed for CHANGE and one for KEEP, showing each correctly spelled past-tense word.

CHANGE _____

KEEP _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using two new past-tense words made from base words ending in y, one from each category, and underline both past-tense words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	reply + ed	**CHANGE**	The consonant l comes before y, so reply becomes replied.
2	hurry + ed	**CHANGE**	The consonant r comes before y, so hurry becomes hurried.
3	enjoy + ed	**KEEP**	The vowel o comes before y, so enjoy becomes enjoyed.
4	carry + ed	**CHANGE**	The consonant r comes before y, so carry becomes carried.
5	play + ed	**KEEP**	The vowel a comes before y, so play becomes played.
6	obey + ed	**KEEP**	The vowel e comes before y, so obey becomes obeyed.
7	marry + ed	**CHANGE**	The consonant r comes before y, so marry becomes married.
8	study + ed	**CHANGE**	The consonant d comes before y, so study becomes studied.

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)

- **CHANGE**: copy + ed = copied
- **KEEP**: spray + ed = sprayed

Challenge: The puppy cried while I stayed nearby.

CHANGE: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8. KEEP: 3, 5, 6. For Part 2, look for an explanation that names the consonant or vowel immediately before y and tells whether the y changes.