

Y Plural Patrol

Spot plurals that follow the y spelling rule.

4.11.D.xi "correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules and high-frequency words; and"

NAME _____

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FOLLOWS THE Y RULE

If a word ends in a consonant and y, change y to i and add es. If it ends in a vowel and y, add s.

berries

NEEDS A FIX

This plural does not follow the y rule. Look at the letter before y to decide whether to use ies or s.

cherrys

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle CORRECT or REVISE, then choose two words and explain which y-plural rule helped you decide.

1. families

CORRECT

REVISE

2. keys

CORRECT

REVISE

3. puppys

CORRECT

REVISE

4. stories

CORRECT

REVISE

5. monkiez

CORRECT

REVISE

6. dayes

CORRECT

REVISE

7. countriez

CORRECT

REVISE

8. butterflyz

CORRECT

REVISE

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 plural that is CORRECT and one new plural that needs REVISE.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two correctly spelled plural words, one that changes y to ies and one that adds s after a vowel and y.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	families	CORRECT	Family ends with a consonant plus y, so the plural changes y to i and adds es.
2	keys	CORRECT	Key ends with a vowel plus y, so the plural adds s.
3	puppys	REVISE	Puppy ends with a consonant plus y, so it should be puppies.
4	stories	CORRECT	Story ends with a consonant plus y, so the plural changes y to i and adds es.
5	monkies	REVISE	Monkey ends with a vowel plus y, so it should be monkeys.
6	dayes	REVISE	Day ends with a vowel plus y, so it should be days.
7	countries	CORRECT	Country ends with a consonant plus y, so the plural changes y to i and adds es.
8	butterflies	CORRECT	Butterfly ends with a consonant plus y, so the plural changes y to i and adds es.

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)

- **CORRECT:** ladies
- **REVISE:** pennys

Challenge: We saw ponies and blue jays.

Accept explanations that correctly identify whether the letter before y is a consonant or a vowel. In Part 3, the REVISE example should be a believable misspelled plural that breaks the y rule.