

# Change the y to i Spelling Rule

## Directions

1. Remind your child about the change the y to i spelling rule. We use this rule when the last letter of the word is y and we want to add a suffix, like -ed or -est or make it plural (more than one) by adding -es to the end of the word. We can remember this rule by saying, "Change the y to i and add the ending." Here are some examples.

Word	Change the y to i and Add the Ending
rely + ed	reli <b>ed</b>
busy + est	busi <b>est</b>
try + es	tri <b>es</b>

2. The best way to remember when to use this rule is to look at the letter that comes before the y in the word.
  - If a **vowel** comes **before the y**, keep the y and add the suffix (play + ed = play**ed**).
  - If a **consonant** comes **before the y**, change the y to i and add the suffix (carry + ed = carri**ed**). NOTE: If the suffix begins with an i (-ing), keep the y and add the suffix (play + ing = play**ing**).
3. Give your child the activity sheet.
4. Ask your child to:
  - Review the word plus the ending in the first column.
  - Use the change y to i spelling rule to spell the new word in the second column.
  - For each word, discuss why the y was changed to i or why it was not.
5. Discuss the meaning of any unknown words.
6. Ask your child to select at least two of the words and use them in one sentence.

## Key

Word	New Word Using the Change y to i Spelling Rule
happy + est =	happiest
silly + er =	sillier
funny + er =	funnier
bunny + es =	bunnies
cry + ed =	cried
candy + es =	candies
story + es =	stories
apply + ed =	applies
pay + ing =	paying
jumpy + est =	jumpiest
study + ing =	studying

## Change the y to an i Spelling Rule Activity Sheet

Word + ending	New Word Using the Double the Consonant Spelling Rule
happy + est =	
silly + er =	
funny + er =	
bunny + es =	
cry + ed =	
candy + es =	
story + es =	
apply + ed =	
pay + ing =	
jumpy + est =	
study + ing =	

Select two words and use them in one sentence.

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