

Practice

Phonics/Word Study:
Plural Words

Name _____

The **plural** of many nouns is formed by adding **-s** to the base word, as in *pears*. Nouns ending in **x**, **ch**, and **sh** form the plural by adding **-es**, as in *wishes*.

To form the plural of most nouns that end in a consonant plus *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add **-es**, as in *puppies*.

A. Circle the plural forms of the nouns in the paragraphs.

1. The boys decided to pick berries. The berry bushes were full of fruit. The heavy branches hung to the ground. They picked five buckets. Then they all ate their lunches.
2. We have three libraries in our town. Adults and kids use them. They check out books about other countries, about puppies, and even desert foxes.

B. Use the chart to sort the plural words from above by their endings.

-s	-es	y to i + -es

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TEKS 3.1 (A) (iii) Decode multisyllabic words in context and independent of context by applying common spelling patterns including changing the final "y" to "i". 3.24 (B) (iii) Spell words with more advanced orthographic patterns and rules: changing y to i before adding an ending.