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Practice

Phonics: Plural Words
with Spelling
Changes *y* to *i*

To form the **plural** of most nouns that end in a consonant plus *y*, change the *y* to an *i* and add **-es**. Nouns that end in a vowel plus *y* are formed by adding an *s* with no other spelling changes. Knowing this rule will help you decode plurals formed by root words ending in *y*.

A. Look at the underlined ending in each word below. If it is a vowel plus *y*, write the plural by adding *-s*. If it is a consonant plus *y*, write the plural by changing *y* to *i* and adding *-es*.

1. body

plural: _____

2. country

plural: _____

3. turkey

plural: _____

4. boy

plural: _____

5. ferry

plural: _____

6. essay

plural: _____

B. Write the correct plural form of each root word in the sentences below.

7. root word: toy

Please pick up the _____ in your room before you go out.

8. root word: baby

The twin _____ were taking a nap.

9. root word: copy

We made 20 _____ of the poster to hang up at school.

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