

Y Spelling Rule

Words

Rule: If a base word ends in a y with a vowel before it, keep the y and add any suffix.

monkeys

joyful

grayish

player

wayward

payment

repayable

betrayed

valleys

enjoying

playful

boyish

annoyed

jockeys

destroyer

jerseys

coily

slayer

deployment

kidneys

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Exceptions:

1. When adding -ing, keep the y.
2. When adding an s change the y to an i and ad es

For a more complete explanation of the exceptions to the Y-Rule, consult the Teaching Sequence for Stage 7

tried

pitiful

studied

funnier

babied

flying

happiness

studying

copier

pennies

chillier

spying

silliest

fanciful

icier

craziest

hobbies

supplier

plentiful

chunkiness

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Exceptions to the rule: The following words change the y to i when it is expected that the y would be kept.

day + ly = daily

gay + ly = gaily

pay + ed = paid

say + ed = said

lay + ed = laid

Exceptions to the rule: The following words keep the y when it is expected that it would be changed to an i

shy + ly = shyly

dry + ly = dryly

spry + ly = spryly

wry = ly = wryly

shy+ness= shyness dry+ness= dryness spry+ness= spryness sly+ness= slyness

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Worksheet

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Base Word	Ending	Final Word	Why?
dirty	ness		
crazy	est		
study	ing		
boy	ish		
classy	er		
coy	ly		
pay	ing		
city	s		
slay	ed		
sloppy	est		
moody	er		
penny	s		
hurry	ing		
stingy	est		
witty	er		

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funny	er		
sleepy	ness		
phony	est		
easy	ly		
dismay	ed		
healthy	er		
smoky	ness		
silly	est		
pay	ed		
happy	ly		
fancy	ful		
envy	ous		
lonely	ness		
employ	able		
luxury	ous		

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Sentences

Note to teacher: After reading the sentences, have students search for words with suffixes and discuss how each word applied, or did not apply, the y-rule. Be sure to dictate several sentences for spelling practice.

1. I tried my best to win the race.
2. **February's** weather made my pool water icier than the outside air.
3. It was a joyful day when he finally sold his house in **February**.
4. The stray dog looked pitiful after it got caught in the rain.
5. Mike had to be one of the pickiest eaters in town.
6. Jeff is flying to Texas in **February** to buy an oil well.
7. Ella's new house was roomier than her old condo.
8. "That was the silliest joke I have ever heard," said Adam.
9. Wednesday morning was chillier than last Friday afternoon.
10. Copying notes from the board was not an easy task for Steven.

New "Gotta Know" Word
February

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1. I wished my old friend a lot of happiness after she got married.
2. Dieting and staying fit make most people healthier.
3. Alec won a contest for having the filthiest room on his dorm floor.
4. How many hobbies will it take to keep you busy for an entire month?
5. Robin's February wedding was one of the fanciest affairs in New York.
6. In fairytales, slaying dragons was something that knights did for a living.
7. Good food was always plentiful when Neil entertained his friends.
8. Suzy was furious when her new car broke down in traffic.
9. If Herbert would have strayed any further away, he would have gotten lost.
10. Being paid daily makes you seem wealthier than being paid weekly.

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Shorties **(Short Stories)**

Some of the craziest animals you will ever meet are the flying monkeys from the theater play The Wizard of Oz. These monkeys are the silliest looking primates, but don't be betrayed by their looks; they are dangerous! Using their huge wings, each one flies to the cities or the valleys and begins spying. They are trying to find Dorothy. These monkeys are not playful. If Dorothy is caught, the monkeys will get a handsome payment from their master, the Wicked Witch. Look out, Dorothy!

Y-Rule + Exceptions

Did you know that some people actually get paid for watching TV? It's true! Advertisers want to know what is watched on a daily basis and they will give payment to you while you are enjoying this silliest of pastimes. What happiness it would be to receive money for this fanciful hobby. Relax and smile wryly, for if you are chosen, the money will be plentiful.