



Rule 14: suffixes after a 'y'



Parent information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections:
 - 1) Explanation of the rule
 - 2) Examples of key words that fit the rule
 - 3) Opportunities to practise
 - 4) Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.



1) Rule 14: Explanation

Choice for adding suffixes to words ending in 'y':

CHANGE IT or **KEEP IT!**

dry > dries play > played carry > carrier

Usually **CHANGE IT**: the 'y' changes to an 'i'

If there is a vowel before the 'y', **KEEP IT**

cry > cryed or cried? WHY?

play > played or plaied? WHY?



1) Rule 14: Explanation

REMEMBER: Usually **CHANGE IT:** 'y' changes to 'i'.

If there is a vowel before the 'y', **KEEP IT.**

happyy > happiness enjoyy > enjoyyment

If you add the 'ing' suffix always **KEEP** the 'y'.

dryy > dryying (driiing doesn't look right!)

bullyy > bullyying (bulliing doesn't look right!)

TIP: NEVER delete the 'y'! What would 'dring' say?



2) Rule 14: Examples

Where did I decide to **CHANGE** the 'y'?

Where have I decided to **KEEP** the 'y'? Why?

try y > tried i moody y > moodier i sway y > swaying y

stray y > strays y penny y > penniless i joy y > joyful y

silly y > silliness i messy y > messiest i baby y > babies i

THINK: What USUALLY happens to the 'y'?

3) Rule 14: Practice

Add the suffix to the root word.

REMEMBER: CHANGE IT or KEEP IT!

Starter

story (+s)

cry (+ed)

dry (+er)

play (+ful)

moody (+ness)

Challenge 1

angry (+er)

dismay (+ed)

penny (+less)

worry (+ing)

pity (+ful)

Challenge 2

merry (+ment)

grumpy (+est)

destroy (+er)

rely (+able)

terrify (+ing)

THINK: Try writing some of the words above with DIFFERENT suffixes.

4) Rule 14: Further examples

Consonant before 'y'

<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Adjectives</u>	<u>Nouns</u>
try	silly	baby
cry	happy	bunny
dry	grumpy	family
fry	sticky	sky
carry	funny	fly
hurry	lumpy	berry
marry	moody	nappy
supply	bumpy	puppy
worry	heavy	library
reply	messy	diary
study	pretty	army
	empty	penny
	lovely	duty

Words with a vowel before the 'y'

<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Nouns</u>
play	joy
enjoy	valley
destroy	boy
annoy	toy
stray	key
stay	day
buy	way
fray	holiday
employ	donkey
	survey
	monkey
	alley

Exceptions

Never change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding 'ing' – however 'skiing' and 'taxiing' both already end in 'i' and do have double 'i' when 'ing' is added.

(**NOTE:** some words may fit more than one word class.)

Suffixes include: s/es, ing, ed, er, est, ful, ment, ness, less