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	rel**ied**
busy + est	bus**iest**
try + es	tr**ies**

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 (pl**ay** + ed = pla**yed**).

   - If a **consonant** comes **before the y**, change the y to i and add the suffix (ca**rry** + ed = carr**ied**). NOTE: If the suffix begins with an i (-ing), keep the y and add the suffix (pl**ay** + 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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