

Spelling Rules Exceptions for ED and ING: Words Ending in Y



We add -ed and -ing to some words, such as verbs, to change the meaning a little. We treat words that end in y a little differently. If we want to add -ing, we do not change the y at all, we simply add -ing. What if we want to add -ed? For words that end in a y that follows a vowel we add ed. If the y follows a consonant, we change the y to i and add -ed.

Example: steady steadied

Add -ed to each of the following words.

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| 1. try | _____ | 11. worry | _____ |
| 2. hurry | _____ | 12. play | _____ |
| 3. tidy | _____ | 13. marry | _____ |
| 4. spray | _____ | 14. bully | _____ |
| 5. pity | _____ | 15. enjoy | _____ |
| 6. bury | _____ | 16. rely | _____ |
| 7. carry | _____ | 17. busy | _____ |
| 8. study | _____ | 18. prey | _____ |
| 9. cry | _____ | 19. toy | _____ |
| 10. spy | _____ | 20. apply | _____ |