

Spelling Rule Exceptions for Plural Nouns: Words That End in Y



A plural noun means more than one. The word *table* means one table; the word *tables* means more than one table. To make an English noun plural, we usually (but not always!) add an *s* to the end of the noun. An exception to this rule is if a word ends in *y*. If the *y* follows a vowel in a word, we add *s*. If the *y* follows a consonant we change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*.

Examples: tray trays
 baby babies

Read each word very carefully. Write the plural form of each of the following nouns.

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| 1. bay _____ | 11. lady _____ |
| 2. bunny _____ | 12. sky _____ |
| 3. story _____ | 13. day _____ |
| 4. ray _____ | 14. turkey _____ |
| 5. spy _____ | 15. try _____ |
| 6. penny _____ | 16. monkey _____ |
| 7. play _____ | 17. bully _____ |
| 8. boy _____ | 18. alley _____ |
| 9. fly _____ | 19. library _____ |
| 10. toy _____ | 20. stray _____ |