

Singular and Plural: The y Rule

A consonant before the y takes ies. A vowel before the y just takes s.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1 Consonant before y? Change y to ies

Look at the letter just before the y.

- a. one city → four _____ b. one party → two _____
c. one candy → ten _____ d. one fly → six _____

2 Vowel before y? Just add s

a, e, i, o and u are the vowels. The y stays.

- a. one boy → five _____ b. one key → three _____
c. one day → seven _____ d. one toy → nine _____

3 Put each word in the right box

Cover the y with your finger and say the letter you see.

bunny monkey cherry toy army key penny tray

y becomes ies

Just add s

4 Circle the correct word

- a. Nita has three (toies / toys). b. Two (familys / families) live here.
c. Arjun lost both his (keys / keies). d. I ate four ripe (cherrys / cherries).

5 Write the plural to finish each sentence

The one word is in brackets.

- a. Last Sunday we saw three (monkey) _____ on the wall.
b. Amma packed two (tray) _____ of ladoos for the train.
c. The nurse fed both (baby) _____ before the bell rang.

Parent tip: exercise 3 is the one to watch. If a word goes in the wrong box, do not give the answer. Ask your child to cover the y and tell you the letter underneath their finger.