

# Adding '-es' to nouns and verbs ending in '-y'



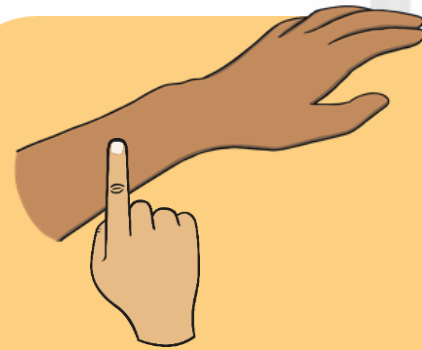
# Verbs and Nouns

A noun is a person, place, thing or object.

A verb is a doing word (an action).



Can you think of a noun that ends in '-y' and whisper it to a partner?



Can you think of a verb that ends in '-y' and write it on your arm?

# Changing '-y' to '-es'

We have learnt about words ending in '-y'. Sometimes verbs and nouns need to change their spelling. Look at how these verbs and nouns change in these sentences.



I **cry** at sad films.  
Mum **cries** at sad films.



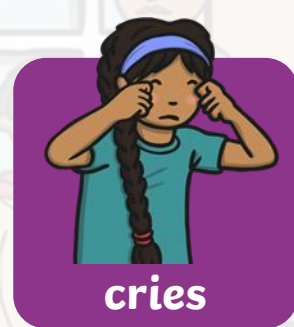
What a sweet **baby**!  
What a lot of sweet **babies**!



A noun or verb ending in '-y' is changed to '-ies' for plurals, or when the word needs to change to make sense.

# Changing '-y' to '-es'

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The 'y' is changed to 'i' before '-es' is added.



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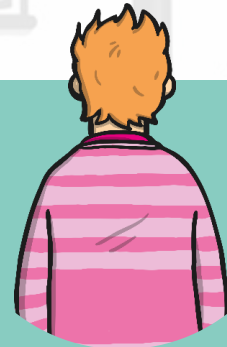
One way to think about the rule could be:  
The 'y' is changed to 'i' before '-es' is added.



Can you air write a 'y' with your finger and then cross it out, changing it to 'ies'?



Can you write an 'ies' on your table or the carpet?



Can you write either a word ending in '-y' or '-ies' on a partner's back?

Can they tell what word you have written?

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

flies

tries

replies

copies

babies

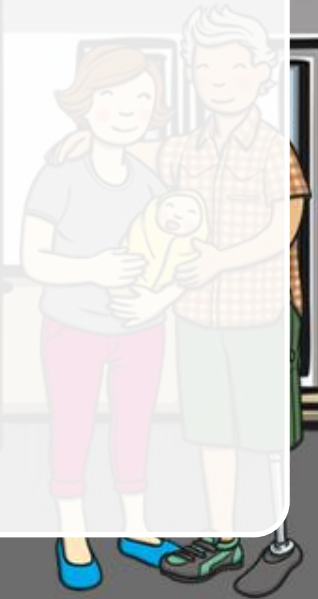
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