

KS3 English Quiz - Spelling (Plurals for words ending in y) 01 (Questions)

To spell plurals of words ending in y: change y to i and add -es. If you learn this, you should be confident when asked what the plural is of any word ending in y.

If you completed the Spelling (Plurals for Words Ending in O) quiz, then you already know that the great majority of plurals in the English language end either in -s or -es. Like words ending in o, words ending in y also add an -es in the plural. But there is one crucial point to remember, which is that the y must be changed to an i first.

So, you might eat one french fry, but many french fries. You could be looking after one baby, or many babies. A rugby player might score one try or many tries.

This simple rule, change the y to an i before adding an -es, does have some exceptions. For example "boy", "toy" and "donkey" become "boys", "toys" and "donkeys". So watch out for any similar exceptions!

Try this quiz to improve your spelling knowledge.

1. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

There are three open late tonight.

- pharmacie
- pharmacies
- pharmacy
- pharmacys

2. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The torch needs new.....

- batterie
- batteries
- battery
- batterys

3. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The director takes his seriously.

- responsibilitie
- responsibilities
- responsibility
- responsibilitys

4. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

We will eat and cream for tea.

- strawberrie
- strawberries
- strawberry
- strawberrys

5. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The trotted through the forest.

- ponie
- ponies
- pony
- ponys

6. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

Fruits such as and are in season in summer

- cherries, raspberries
- cherries, raspberry
- cherry, raspberries
- cherry, raspberry

7. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

Some children develop to pollen.

- allergie
- allergies
- allergy
- allergys

8. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The crews experienced when sailing to shore.

- difficult
- difficultie
- difficulties
- difficultys

9. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

There are four parked outside the shop.

- lorrie
- lorries
- lorrys
- lorrys

10. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The footballers returned from the tour with.....

- injurie
- injuries
- injury
- injurys

KS3 English Quiz - Spelling (Plurals for words ending in y) 01 (Answers)

1. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

There are three open late tonight.

- pharmacie
 pharmacies
 pharmacy
 pharmacys

Change y to i and add -es, making "pharmacies"

2. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The torch needs new.....

- batterie
 batteries
 battery
 batterys

One "battery" but two "batteries"

3. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The director takes his seriously.

- responsibilitie
 responsibilities
 responsibility
 responsibilitys

Words ending with -bility end with -bilities in the plural

4. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

We will eat and cream for tea.

- strawberrie
 strawberries
 strawberry
 strawberrys

"Berry" becomes "berries", so "blackberries" and "raspberries" are the correct plurals for other types of berry

5. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The trotted through the forest.

- ponie
 ponies
 pony
 ponys

If a word ends -y in its singular form, then its plural ends with -ies

6. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

Fruits such as and are in season in summer

- cherries, raspberries
 cherries, raspberry
 cherry, raspberries
 cherry, raspberry

Remember that -y becomes -ies, not -ys

7. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

Some children develop to pollen.

- allergie
 allergies
 allergy
 allergys

How many plural words can you think of which end in -ys....? Any?

8. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The crews experienced when sailing to shore.

- difficult
 difficultie
 difficulties
 difficultys

"Difficulty" becomes "difficulties"

9. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

There are four parked outside the shop.

- lorrie
 lorries
 lorrys
 lorrys

One lorry, two lorries

10. Select the correct spelling(s) of the missing plural word(s).

The footballers returned from the tour with.....

- injurie
 injuries
 injury
 injurys

"Injury" becomes "injuries"