

## Spelling list: y in the middle (US)

The letter *y* in the middle of a word often represents the long /i/ sound, as in *rhyme* , *style* , and *cycle* . It can also appear in words with Greek or Latin roots, such as *psychology* and *hygiene* .

Notice how in *psychology* , the *y* in the middle makes a long /i/ sound, while the *y* at the end makes a short /i/ sound.

Why not try a *spelling test* to check your understanding of these words?

rhyme	These words all rhyme: time, crime, chime.
style	I'm going to alter my hair <b>style</b> .
type	Many types of fish live in coral.
cycle	I prefer to <b>cycle</b> to work rather than going by bus.
dynamic	Beth has a very <b>dynamic</b> personality.
hyena	The <b>hyena</b> feeds on dead animals.
hyphen	A <b>hyphen</b> can be used to join two words: good-looking.
hydrogen	Water is two parts <b>hydrogen</b> and one part oxygen.
pylon	The wires are strung along very tall pylons.
python	A <b>python</b> kills its prey by crushing it.
typhoon	Two ships were sunk in the <b>typhoon</b> .
tyrant	The powerful leader was a <b>tyrant</b> .
analyze	Please <b>analyze</b> these figures for me.
paralyze	He is paralyzed from the waist down.
hygiene	Good <b>hygiene</b> keeps germs away.
psychology	My brother is studying <b>psychology</b> at college.
psychiatry	<b>Psychiatry</b> is the study and treatment of mental illness.