

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