

## Spelling list: Plurals ending in -ies

In English, when we want to indicate that there is more than one of something, we often change the spelling of the word by adding *-ies* to the end. This is a common way to form plurals for words that end in a *consonant* followed by *y*.

Watch out for words that end in a *vowel* followed by *y*. In these cases, simply add an *s* to form the plural.

Spelling tip: If you are unsure whether to use *-ies* or simply *-s*, see if the word ends with a *consonant* followed by *y*. If it does, use *-ies* to create the plural. If it ends with a *vowel* followed by *y*, use *-s*. For example, *story* becomes *stories*, but *play* becomes *plays*.

Ponies	Rosie loves to ride <b>ponies</b> .
Ladies	The <b>ladies</b> were wearing funny hats.
Babies	<b>Babies</b> like to drink milk.
Lorries	The <b>lorries</b> were very noisy as they went past the house.
Fairies	<b>Fairies</b> can do magic.
Berries	The children picked <b>berries</b> and nuts.
Spies	The <b>spies</b> were on a secret mission.
Cities	Plymouth is just one of the <b>cities</b> in the United Kingdom.
Bullies	There are no <b>bullies</b> at my school.
Parties	I love <b>parties</b> because they make me joyful.
Families	Our <b>families</b> are very important.
Dictionaries	There are several <b>dictionaries</b> in the school library.