

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