

Plurals of words ending in y activities

Plurals of words ending in y simplest responses game

Without looking below, listen to your teacher and raise the “-ys” or the “-ies” card that you have been given, depending on what you think about the plural that you hear, or what you think about the plural of the singular word that you hear.

Cards to hold up

-ys	-ies
-ys	-ies
-ys	-ies
-ys	-ies



Similar plurals presentation

Write the plurals of the words below. Ones on the same line have the same kind of plural. Try to work out the rules as you do so, and use that to help with later lines.

Elementary

baby	battery
boy	day
dictionary	documentary
factory	French fry
holiday	key
library	nationality
photocopy	story
strawberry	university

Pre-Intermediate

ashtray	essay
accessory	activity
apology	city
country	emergency
enquiry	lady
memory	party
raspberry	reply
similarity	story

Intermediate

ability	accessory
allergy	body
birthday	deejay
delay	highway
journey	monkey
necessity	opportunity
play	tray
university	variety
way	weekday

Upper Intermediate

alley	attorney
buoy	cowboy
currency	delivery
display	guy
homestay	motorway
mystery	policy
priority	property
puppy	obituary
quantity	query
redundancy	remedy
screenplay	survey
trolley	turkey

Advanced

abbey	alleyway
alloy	archway
array	bay
cemetery	certainty
chimney	choirboy
cockney	convoy
curiosity	daisy
decoy	donkey
emissary	entity
envoy	fairway
fantasy	fatality
ferry	festivity
fishery	forgery
formality	functionary
galley	homeboy
identity	ideology
idiosyncrasy	impurity
inaccuracy	inconsistency
indignity	intermediary
jersey	jockey
joy	kidney
lackey	medley
melody	mercenary
methodology	missionary
monastery	monopoly
municipality	nanny
nappy	novelty
obscenity	oddity
osprey	pageboy
paperboy	passageway
pathway	payday
peculiarity	penalty
playboy	ploy
pony	poppy
possibility	principality
pulley	quay
rarity	refinery
relay	runway
schoolboy	sickbay
slipway	stingray
stowaway	stray
sunray	tomboy
tragedy	treaty
tributary	utility
vacancy	vagary
volley	walkway

Different plurals presentation

On each line below, one word should have a plural ending in “-ys” and the other should end in “-ies”. Add “-s” to one and change to the other in “-ies”.

Elementary

baby	boy
butterfly	day
dictionary	holiday
key	library
photocopy	toy

Pre-Intermediate

apology	ashtray
country	essay

Intermediate

accessory	birthday
century	deejay
delay	duty
gallery	highway
injury	journey
memory	monkey
opportunity	play
strategy	tray
university	way
weekday	worry

Upper Intermediate

alley	ally
anxiety	attorney
authority	buoy
commodity	cowboy
currency	display
enemy	guy
homestay	inequality
minority	motorway
mystery	survey
theory	trolley
turkey	victory



Advanced

abbey	agency
alloy	amenity
antibody	archway
army	array
atrocitiy	bay
bellboy	beneficiary
boundary	castaway
cemetery	chimney
cockney	colony
contingency	convoy
daisy	decoy
deformity	donkey
dual carriageway	embassy
entity	envoy
equity	fairway
fantasy	homeboy
identity	jersey
kidney	laboratory
lackey	liability
luminary	medley
methodology	osprey
ovary	pageboy
pansy	paperboy
passageway	pastry
pathway	penalty
philosophy	playboy
ploy	pony
principality	pulley
quality	quay
rarity	relay
robbery	runway
schoolboy	sensitivity
sickbay	signatory
slipway	specialty
stowaway	subsidy
sunray	sympathy
tendency	tomboy
treaty	volley
washday	welly

Try to work out the rules for which kinds of words take which ending, then use that to start checking your answers.

Plurals of nouns ending with –y maze activities

Start from the top left square in the table. Find the next square which has the same plural form/ plural spelling, then follow the other squares with the same plural ending vertically or horizontally until you reach the bottom left square. When you have a single complete line from beginning to end, check that all the other squares have different plural endings.

Elementary to Intermediate

boy	baby	party	photocopy	reply	category	bully
day	butterfly	country	apology	nationality	party	story
holiday	key	gallery	memory	birthday	delay	highway
city	journey	toy	way	play	duty	essay
spy	body	battery	lady	library	hobby	monkey
activity	disability	injury	factory	cherry	dictionary	deejay
enquiry	charity	allergy	accessory	subsidiary	discovery	ashtray

Upper Intermediate

guy	turkey	valley	ferry	authority	democracy	economy
puppy	fly	trolley	luxury	gallery	mystery	redundancy
theory	lorry	alley	remedy	ministry	community	obituary
victory	county	motorway	commodity	quantity	ally	delivery
society	priority	survey	facility	currency	minority	policy
casualty	query	attorney	display	homestay	screenplay	cowboy
anxiety	industry	ceremony	enemy	community	property	buoy

Advanced

bay	army	agency	entity	antibody	melody	penalty
bellboy	boundary	ferry	donkey	jockey	ploy	oddity
chimney	envoy	embassy	castaway	cemetery	playboy	tragedy
colony	kidney	capability	choirboy	fairy	storey	symphony
irregularity	jersey	treaty	volley	subsidy	relay	stray
mercenary	medley	missionary	abbey	daisy	tapestry	runway
vacancy	quay	pulley	alloy	diary	specialty	sickbay

Answer key – The big list of plurals of words ending in –y

Elementary

- babies
- batteries
- boys
- butterflies
- celebrities
- cherries
- cities
- days
- dictionaries
- documentaries
- factories
- French fries
- hobbies
- holidays
- keys
- libraries
- nationalities
- photocopies
- stories
- strawberries
- toys

Pre-Intermediate

- accessories
- activities
- apologies
- ashtrays
- countries
- emergencies
- enquiries
- essays
- ladies
- memories
- parties
- raspberries
- similarities
- television personalities

Intermediate

- abilities
- allergies
- birthdays
- bodies
- bullies
- categories
- centuries
- ceremonies
- charities
- deejays
- delays
- difficulties
- disabilities
- discoveries
- duties
- galleries
- highways
- injuries
- journeys
- monkeys
- necessities
- opportunities
- personalities
- plays
- replies
- responsibilities
- salaries
- spies
- strategies
- studies
- subsidiaries
- supplies
- trays
- universities
- varieties
- ways
- weekdays
- worries

Upper Intermediate

- alleys
- allies
- anxieties
- attorneys
- authorities
- buoys

- casualties
- ceremonies
- commodities
- communities
- controversies
- counties
- cowboys
- currencies
- deliveries
- democracies
- displays
- duties
- economies
- enemies
- facilities
- ferries
- flies
- galleries
- guys
- homestays
- humanities
- industries
- inequalities
- lorries
- luxuries
- ministries
- minorities
- motorways
- mysteries
- obituaries
- policies
- priorities
- properties
- puppies
- quantities
- queries
- redundancies
- remedies
- screenplays
- societies
- surveys
- theories
- trolleys
- turkeys
- valleys
- victories

Advanced

abbeys	abnormalities	adversaries	agencies
alleyways	alloys	ambiguities	amenities
analogies	annuities	anomalies	antibodies
antiquities	archways	armies	arrays
arteries	atrocities	autobiographies	bays
beauties	bellboys	beneficiaries	boundaries
capabilities	capacities	castaways	cemeteries
certainities	chimneys	choirboys	cockneys
colonies	commentaries	competencies	constituencies
contemporaries	contingencies	convoys	curiosities
daisies	decoys	deficiencies	deformities
deities	delicacies	dependencies	deputies
destinies	diaries	dignitaries	discrepancies
disparities	distilleries	donkeys	doorways
driveways	dual carriageways	eccentricities	embassies
emissaries	entities	entries	envoys
equities	estuaries	eventualities	extremities
fairies	fairways	fantasies	fatalities
ferries	festivities	fisheries	follies
forgeries	formalities	functionaries	galaxies
galleys	hippies	homeboys	hostilities
identities	ideologies	idiosyncrasies	impurities
inaccuracies	inadequacies	inconsistencies	indignities
inefficiencies	insecurities	intermediaries	ironies
irregularities	jerseys	jockeys	joys
kidneys	laboratories	lackeys	liabilities
localities	loyalties	luminaries	medleys
melodies	mercenaries	mercies	methodologies
miseries	missionaries	monasteries	monopolies
municipalities	nannies	nappies	necessities
novelties	obscenities	oddities	ospreys
ovaries	pageboys	pansies	paperboys
passageways	pastries	pathways	paydays
peculiarities	penalties	philosophies	playboys
ploys	ponies	poppies	possibilities
principalities	prophecies	pulleys	qualities
quays	rarities	refineries	relays
repositories	robberies	royalties	rubies
runways	schoolboys	sensibilities	sensitivities
sickbays	signatories	slipways	specialities
specialties	stingrays	storeys	stowaways
strays	subsidies	sunrays	sympathies
symphonies	tapestries	tendencies	territories
tomboys	tragedies	treaties	tributaries
utilities	vacancies	vagaries	volleys
walkways	washdays	waterways	wellies