

**Plurals of Words Ending In -Y Activities****Plurals of nouns 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 think about the plural of the singular word that you hear.*

**Cards to hold up**

<b>-ys</b>	<b>-ies</b>
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### 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 check 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 and follow the other squares with the same “-ys” 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 the “-ies” ending.

#### 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	democrac y	economy
puppy	fly	trolley	luxury	gallery	mystery	redundanc y
theory	lorry	alley	remedy	ministry	community	obituary
victory	county	motorway	commodit y	quantity	ally	delivery
society	priority	survey	facility	currency	minority	policy
casualty	query	attorney	display	homestay	screenplay	cowboy
anxiety	industry	ceremony	enemy	communit y	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**

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

**Intermediate**

abilities  
allergies  
bodies  
bullies  
categories  
centuries



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

**Upper Intermediate**

alleys  
attorneys  
buoys  
cowboys  
displays  
guys  
homestays  
motorways  
screenplays  
surveys  
trolleys  
turkeys  
valleys



allies  
anxieties  
authorities  
casualties  
ceremonies  
commodities  
communities  
controversies  
counties  
currencies  
deliveries  
democracies  
duties  
economies  
enemies  
facilities  
ferries  
flies  
galleries  
humanities  
industries  
inequalities  
lorries  
luxuries  
ministries  
minorities  
mysteries  
obituaries  
policies  
priorities  
properties  
puppies  
quantities  
queries  
redundancies  
remedies  
societies  
theories  
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  
certainties  
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