From Daisy to Daisies: Instructional Activities for adding -ies

Written by Cherry Carl
Artwork: www.art4crafts.com
www.graphicgarden.com
### -ies Plurals Word List

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Singular</th>
<th>Plural</th>
<th>Singular</th>
<th>Plural</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>baby/babies</td>
<td>firefly/fireflies</td>
<td>story/stories</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>berry/berries</td>
<td>fly/flies</td>
<td>study/studies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bully/bullies</td>
<td>fry/fries</td>
<td>try/tries</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>candy/candies</td>
<td>gallery/galleries</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cherry/cherries</td>
<td>hobby/hobbies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>city/cities</td>
<td>jelly/jellies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>country/countries</td>
<td>lady/ladies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cry/cries</td>
<td>party/parties</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dairy/dairies</td>
<td>pony/ponies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>discovery/discoveries</td>
<td>puppy/puppies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enemy/enemies</td>
<td>sky/skies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>family/families</td>
<td>spy/spies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Picture Books: Plurals

Cleary, Brian P. *Feet and Puppies, Thieves and Guppies.*

Hanson, Joan. Plurals: *Mouse . . . Mice . . . Leaf . . . Leaves*


Sander, Sonia. *Go, Trucks, Go!*

Shaskan, Trisha Speed. *If You Were a Plural Word.*
Cut and Paste: adding -ies

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>bunny</th>
<th>puppy</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>daisy</td>
<td>berry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>berries</td>
<td>bunnies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>puppies</td>
<td>daisies</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Images:
  - Dog
  - Daisy
  - Strawberry
  - Rabbit
Read each sentence below. Circle the correct spelling of the missing plural noun and write it in the space. The rule: If a word ends in y with a consonant before it (fly), you drop the y and add -ies to make it plural (flies). Reread each sentence to double check your choices. Does it look right?

1. We went to two birthday _______________ today.
   party   parties

2. Did they ride on the _______________ at the fair?
   ponies   ponys

3. New York is one of the largest American _______________.
   cities   citys

4. The _______________ are full of big, black clouds.
   skys   skies

5. There are too many _______________ during the summer!
   flies   flys

6. My favorite fast food is French _______________.
   fries   frys

7. Your dad has a lot of interesting _______________.
   hobbys   hobbies

8. Our city has a lot of art _______________.
   gallerys   galleries

9. My team _______________ really hard to win each game.
   tries   trys

10. May I come and see your new _______________?
    puppys   puppies

11. We don’t have any _______________ at our school.
    bullys   bullies

12. Have you ever seen _______________ at night?
    fireflies   fireflys
Word Search: adding -ies

Look at the list of singular nouns in the word bank below. Find and circle the plural form of each in the word search. (Note: If a word ends in y with a consonant before it (fly), you drop the y and add -ies to make it plural.)

- baby
- fly
- cry
- cherry
- pony
- party
- puppy
- lady
- city
- candy
- sky
- story
- spy
- enemy
- family
- dairy
Crossword Puzzle: drop the y/add ies

Across
1. things seen for the first time
8. small, sweet, juicy fruits
9. fibs
10. infants
11. moves through the air with wings

Down
1. farms that produce milk
2. weeps or sobs
3. tales
4. opposite of friends
5. fast food made from potatoes
6. soft, firm foods made from fruit
7. reads to learn

Word Bank
cries    lies    babies    jellies    discoveries
stories    berries    flies    dairies    enemies
studies    fries
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Doggies</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rabbits</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rabbits</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daisies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daisies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bear</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berries</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berries</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Butterflies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Butterflies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Look at each picture and write a sentence in the space provided.

1. Two kittens sitting next to each other.

2. A bowl filled with colorful candies and chocolates.

3. Gingerbread cookies in a bucket with a heart.

4. Two children sitting side by side.

5. Two teddy bears wearing Santa hats.

6. A basket filled with fruits and vegetables.

7. Two birds sitting on a branch.

8. A group of friends playing football.


10. A flower garden with pink and yellow flowers.
Adding -ies
Folder
Adding -ies
Folder
DAISY DOLLARS

A Gardener
Chief Planter

Ima Flower
C Me Grow

Artwork: www.art4crafts.com
Adding -ies Words and Pictures
(Use for sorts or word wall)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>daisies</th>
<th><img src="image" alt="Daisies" /></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>babies</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Babies" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>puppies</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Puppies" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
bunnies

berries

cookies
candies
kitties
teddies
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>butterflies</th>
<th><img src="image1" alt="butterfly" /></th>
<th><img src="image2" alt="butterfly" /></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>dragonflies</td>
<td><img src="image3" alt="dragonfly" /></td>
<td><img src="image4" alt="dragonfly" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>flies</td>
<td><img src="image5" alt="fly" /></td>
<td><img src="image6" alt="fly" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parties</td>
<td>carries</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>---------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Image of a group of bears with gifts and a cake.
- Image of a girl holding a baby.
Adding -ies Pictures and Words for Sorting

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adding -ies</th>
<th>Adding -ies</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>baby</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>babies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>city</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cities</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Adding -ies

daisy

daisies

Adding -ies

puppy

Adding -ies

puppies
family
families
bunny
bunnies
Adding -ies

penny

pennies

berry

berries
Adding -ies

cookie

cookies

candy

candies
Adding -ies

Adding -ies

Adding -ies

Adding -ies

kitty

Adding -ies

kitties

Adding -ies

teddy

Adding -ies

teddies
Adding -ies

butterfly

butterflies

fly

flies
Adding -ies

party

Adding -ies

parties