

Lesson 9

Final y words and suffixes

Teaching

holidays	sprayed	reply	y to i + ed	= replied
highways	delayed	copy	y to i + ed	= copied
valleys	surveyed	multiply	y to i + ed	= multiplied
essays	displayed	balcony	y to i + es	= balconies
journeys	enjoying	cavity	y to i + es	= cavities
	steadying	apology	y to i + es	= apologies
		society	y to i + es	= societies
		empty	y to i + es	= empties
		county	y to i + es	= counties

Lesson Generalization: A **suffix** is an ending added to a word that changes how the word is used. If the letter before a final **y** is a vowel, do not change the **y** when you add a suffix. If the letter before a final **y** is a consonant, change the **y** to **i** before you add any suffix except **ing**. The **y** never changes before **ing**.

A. Each group of letters below is contained in a spelling word. Find the word in the spelling list, and write its **s**, **ed**, and **ing** forms. The last nine words will have only the **s** forms.

s	ed	ing
1. joy _____	_____	_____
2. tip _____	_____	_____
3. eye _____	_____	_____
4. play _____	_____	_____
5. ply _____	_____	_____
6. ray _____	_____	_____
7. lay _____	_____	_____

s	s	s
8. say _____	11. our _____	14. cop _____
9. log _____	12. on _____	15. all _____
10. way _____	13. day _____	16. it _____

B. On a separate sheet of paper use each spelling word in an original sentence.

