

## Adding **-s/-es** to Verbs Ending in **-y**

If a verb ends in **-y** preceded by a consonant, it changes to **-ies** in third person singular (*he, she, it*).

If a verb ends in **-y** preceded by a vowel, simply add **-s** in third person singular (*he, she, it*).

Directions: Use the verb in parentheses to fill in the blanks with the correct form.

1. (try) She never \_\_\_\_\_ to do a good job.
2. (buy) Randy's mother \_\_\_\_\_ her vegetables at the farmer's market.
3. (try) Eleanor \_\_\_\_\_ to pay attention in class.
4. (cry) The little boy \_\_\_\_\_ for his mother.
5. (pay) My father always \_\_\_\_\_ his bills on time.
6. (fly) The airplane \_\_\_\_\_ high in the sky.
7. (play) My brother, Mike, \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.
8. (study) Karen \_\_\_\_\_ with her friends at the library.
9. (stay) The baby-sitter \_\_\_\_\_ with the child at night.
10. (say) Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ she is happy with her new house.
11. (worry) My mom \_\_\_\_\_ too much.
12. (carry) Tommy \_\_\_\_\_ his girlfriend's books.
13. (enjoy) Millie's sister \_\_\_\_\_ talking on the phone.
14. (pay) Who \_\_\_\_\_ the bills?
15. (buy) Who \_\_\_\_\_ the groceries?

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