

Lesson 9

# Final y words and suffixes

Teaching

betray	→	betrays	betrayed	betraying	attorney	→	attorneys
employ	→	employs	employed	employing	survey	→	surveys
portray	→	portrays	portrayed	portraying	ceremony	→	ceremonies
qualify	→	qualifies	qualified	qualifying	remedy	→	remedies
deny	→	denies	denied	denying			
occupy	→	occupies	occupied	occupying			

**Lesson Generalization:** When the letter before a final **y** is a vowel, the **y** does not change when a suffix is added. When the letter before a final **y** is a consonant, change the **y** to **i** before adding **es** or **ed**.

Never change a final **y** to **i** when adding the suffix **ing**.

**A.** Complete the following exercises.

1. When a suffix is added to a word ending in a vowel-**y** combination, what happens to the **y**? \_\_\_\_\_ Write the words from the list that end in a vowel-**y** combination.

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2. When a suffix other than **ing** is added to a word ending in a consonant-**y** combination, what happens to the **y**? \_\_\_\_\_ Write the words from the list that end in a consonant-**y** combination. (Do not include words with the **ing** suffix.)

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3. When **ing** is added to any word ending in **y**, what happens to the **y**? \_\_\_\_\_ Write the words from the list that end in a **y-ing** combination.

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**B.** On a separate sheet of paper, write a short story using at least ten words from the spelling list. Underline the spelling words in each sentence.

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More Practice

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|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. betrays   | 9. portraying  | 17. denying    |
| 2. betrayed  | 10. attorneys  | 18. occupies   |
| 3. betraying | 11. surveys    | 19. occupied   |
| 4. employs   | 12. qualifies  | 20. occupying  |
| 5. employed  | 13. qualified  | 21. ceremonies |
| 6. employing | 14. qualifying | 22. remedies   |
| 7. portrays  | 15. denies     |                |
| 8. portrayed | 16. denied     |                |

**A.** Write the base form, the **ed** form, or the **ing** form of a spelling word that completes each sentence.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ presented her client's case to the jury.
- Carolyn could not find a \_\_\_\_\_ for her cold.
- Robbie had not \_\_\_\_\_ to be on the wrestling team.
- We took a \_\_\_\_\_ to determine the most popular song.
- Jennifer received a trophy at the awards \_\_\_\_\_ held in the gym.
- Seth \_\_\_\_\_ a mean character in the school play.
- The theater will be \_\_\_\_\_ two more ushers.
- The movie star had \_\_\_\_\_ the entire top floor of the hotel.
- Tom felt that his friend had \_\_\_\_\_ him by telling the secret.
- The request for tickets was \_\_\_\_\_ because it arrived too late.

**B.** Find and circle 14 words from the spelling list in the word search puzzle. Words appear forward, backward, up, and down.

D	E	Y	A	R	T	E	B	L	C	Y	F	Q	A	T	P	F
F	P	N	S	Z	T	G	Y	Y	O	C	C	U	P	I	E	D
Q	T	G	R	E	M	E	D	I	E	S	T	A	G	G	D	H
Z	N	N	B	N	I	D	E	I	N	E	D	L	N	N	G	K
L	F	A	G	O	V	B	J	L	X	A	S	I	I	I	Y	R
A	T	T	O	R	N	E	Y	S	W	V	Y	F	Y	Y	Q	O
M	G	N	I	Y	A	R	T	R	O	P	O	Y	O	N	J	F
U	O	X	C	Z	J	L	N	D	K	N	L	I	L	E	G	D
R	I	D	S	Y	E	V	R	U	S	V	P	N	P	D	W	V
P	O	R	T	R	A	Y	S	Q	X	P	M	G	M	K	L	V
B	M	N	C	E	R	E	M	O	N	I	E	S	E	M	V	O
G	O	W	D	B	E	T	R	A	Y	I	N	G	B	O	V	D