

Instructor Page – ‘y’ as a vowel

Directions: Review the concept that the letter ‘y’ can function as both a consonant (as in the word ‘yellow’), and as a vowel (as in the word ‘fly’). It can also “team up” with other vowels to form a vowel team, (as in the words ‘play’ and ‘toy’). This lesson is about a single ‘y’ as a vowel.

- When a single ‘y’ is acting as vowel, it usually comes at the end of a word.
- In words with 1 syllable, a single ‘y’ at the end usually sounds like a long /ī/.
- In multi-syllable words, a single ‘y’ at the end usually sounds like long /ē/.

Even non-readers can follow along and listen for the sound at the end of each word.

Print the sound the letter ‘y’ makes above it.

/ ī /
my

/ ī /
try

/ ī /
why

/ ī /
cry

/ ī /
sky

/ ī /
fly

/ ī /
by

/ ī /
dry

/ ī /
shy

Scoop the syllables in these words from the beginner story. Print the sound the letter ‘y’ makes above it.

/ ē /
funny

/ ē /
sadly

/ ē /
happy

/ ē /
Ricky

/ ē /
quickly

/ ē /
worry

/ ē /
fifty

/ ē /
story

/ ē /
costly

/ ē /
monthly

/ ē /
body

/ ē /
copy

/ ē /
easy

/ ē /
lady

/ ē /
healthy

/ ē /
laundry

/ ē /
hurry

/ ē /
Ruby

/ ē /
policy

/ ē /
pharmacy

/ ē /
grocery

/ ē /
bakery

/ ē /
activity

/ ē /
security

/ ē /
emergency

/ ī /
*apply

/ ī /
*qualify

/ ī /
*deny

Student Worksheet - The Letter 'y' as a Vowel

- Look for a 'y' at the end of words.
- Words with 1 beat – try the sound of long / ī /.
- Words with more than 1 beat – try the sound of long / ē /.

Print the sound the letter 'y' makes above it.

my	try	why
cry	sky	fly
by	dry	shy

Scoop the beats in these words from the beginner story. Print the sound the letter 'y' makes above it.

funny	sadly	happy	Ricky
quickly	worry	fifty	story
costly	monthly	body	copy
easy	lady	healthy	laundry
hurry	Ruby	policy	pharmacy
grocery	bakery	activity	security
emergency	*apply	*qualify	*deny