

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____ SCORE: _____ LEVEL: B

Week 22 • Level B Spelling List

15 WORDS + HOMOPHONE PAIR

1 Orthographic Handwriting Practice: Read each word aloud, observe how base <y> changes to <i> before suffixes, and write it cleanly twice.

-IES & TRIED (WORDS 1-5)

1 cries

2 coun•tries

3 fam•ilies

4 stor•ies

5 tried

-IED & -IER (WORDS 6-10)

6 hur•ried

7 car•ried

8 stud•ied

9 pret•tier

10 ear•lier

- IEST, - ILY, - INESS, - IFUL (WORDS 11-15)

11 eas•iest

12 luck•i•ly

13 hap•pi•ness

14 busi•ness

15 beau•ti•ful

2 Phonics & Suffix Sorting: Group words by plural/present <-ies>, past tense <-ied>, degree <-ier/-iest>, and <-ily/-iness/-iful>.

Ending <-ies> (4 words)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Past Tense <-ied> (4 words)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Degree <-ier/-iest> (3 words)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

<-ily, -iness, -iful> (4 words)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

3 Homophone Distinctions: Choose the correct homophone (pain or pane) to complete each sentence.

HOMOPHONE PAIR: PAIN (PHYSICAL HURT OR SUFFERING) • PANE (SHEET OF GLASS IN A WINDOW)

- a. A cold winter draft blew straight through the cracked glass _____ of the front window.
- b. The runner felt a sharp, sudden _____ in his calf muscle after sprinting up the hill.
- c. He felt brief _____ in his knuckles when he accidentally tapped the fragile window _____

RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 22

Rule 1 • The Change Rule for <y>

Rule 1 – The change rule for -y:
When a word ends in a single consonant + y, change y to i before adding any suffix that does not begin with i (cry → cries, hurry → hurried).

Rule 3 • Suffixes <-ness> and <-ful>

Noun and adjective suffixes trigger the change: *happy* → *happiness*, *busy* → *business*, *beauty* → *beautiful*.

Rule 2 • Degree Suffixes <-er> and <-est>

Comparative and superlative forms also follow the rule: *pretty* → *prettier*, *early* → *earlier*, *easy* → *easiest*.

Rule 4 • Homophone Distinctions: <pain> vs. <pane>

Pain (ache/hurt, spelled with vowel team ai) vs. *pain* (window glass, spelled with split vowel-e a_e).

Week 22 • Level B • Linguistic Key & Guide

The Change Rule (y to i) • Suffix Application • Dictation Sentences

ANSWER KEY & DICTATION

T Linguistic & Syllable Decomposition Table:				
#	WORD	PRONUNCIATION / IPA	STRUCTURE	ORTHOGRAPHIC & TEACHING NOTES
1	cries	krɪz /kraɪz/	cr + i + es	Change rule: base cry (consonant + y) -> change y to i and add -es
2	coun•tries	kʊnˈtrɪz /ˈkʌn.trɪz/	coun • tries	Change rule: base country -> change y to i and add -es; ou says /ʊ/
3	fam•i•lies	fəmˈə-lēz /ˈfæm.əl.iːz/	fam • i • lies	Change rule: base family -> change y to i and add -es; 3 syllables
4	sto•ries	stɔrˈēz /ˈstɔːr.iːz/	sto • ries	Change rule: base story -> change y to i and add -es; open sto-
5	tried	trɪd /traɪd/	tr + i + ed	Change rule: base try -> change y to i and add suffix -ed; single syllable
6	hur•ried	hʊrˈēd /ˈhɜːr.iːd/	hur • ried	Change rule: base hurry -> change y to i and add -ed; double r
7	car•ried	kɑrˈēd /ˈkær.iːd/	car • ried	Change rule: base carry -> change y to i and add -ed; double r
8	stud•ied	stʊdˈēd /ˈstʌd.iːd/	stud • ied	Change rule: base study -> change y to i and add -ed; short /ʊ/
9	pret•ti•er	pɹɪtˈē-ər /ˈpɹɪt.i.ər/	pret • ti • er	Change rule: base pretty -> change y to i and add -er; double t
10	ear•li•er	ɪrˈlē-ər /ˈɜːr.li.ər/	ear • li • er	Change rule: base early -> change y to i and add -er; ear says /er/
11	eas•i•est	ēˈzē-ɪst /ˈiː.zi.ɪst/	eas • i • est	Change rule: base easy -> change y to i and add -est; ea says /ē/
12	luck•i•ly	lʊkˈə-lē /ˈlʌk.əl.i/	luck • i • ly	Change rule: base lucky -> change y to i and add adverb suffix -ly
13	hap•pi•ness	həpˈē-nɪs /ˈhæp.i.nəs/	hap • pi • ness	Change rule: base happy -> change y to i and add noun suffix -ness
14	busi•ness	bɪzˈnɪs /ˈbɪz.nəs/	busi • ness	Change rule: base busy -> change y to i and add -ness; pronounced /ˈbɪz.nəs/
15	beau•ti•ful	bɪoʊˈtə-fəl /ˈbjuː.tə.fəl/	beau • ti • ful	Change rule: base beauty -> change y to i and add adjective suffix -ful
H	pain	pān /peɪn/	p + ai + n	Physical suffering or distress; vowel team ai says long /ā/
H	pane	pān /peɪn/	p + a_e + n	Single pane of glass in a window; split vowel-e a_e

EXERCISE 2 & 3 VERIFICATION KEY

ENDING <-IES>

cries countries families stories

PAST TENSE <-IED>

tried hurried carried studied

DEGREE <-IER/-IEST>

prettier earlier easiest

<-ILY, -INESS, -IFUL>

luckily happiness business beautiful

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. pane • b. pain • c. pain / pane

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on the Change Rule (y to i) and homophones.

Sentence 1 (families, stories, countries, cries)
"The three families read wonderful stories about different countries."

Sentence 2 (hurried, carried, tried, studied)
"We hurried and carried the heavy packages, studying each map along the way."

Sentence 3 (earlier, luckily, happiness, easiest)
"The earlier bus arrived, and luckily it brought immense happiness to the tired travelers."

Sentence 4 (business, beautiful, pane, pain)
"The successful business owner gazed through the clean window pane without any pain."