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What do you notice about these words as they change?

My aunt has one **baby**, but the nursery has lots of **babies**.

There is one **boy** on the bench watching six **boys** playing.

My house has one **storey**, but a block of flats has many **storeys**.

There is one **lady** on the lawn; the other **ladies** are in the house.

I will **carry** the puppy if my sister **carries** the box.

I have adopted a **donkey** because **donkeys** are wonderful.

Write down the letter before the **y** in **baby**. ____ Is it a vowel (a,e,i,o,u) or a consonant?

Which letter is missing from **babies**? ____ Which letter has replaced it? ____

Now write down the letter before the **y** in **boy**. ____ Is it a vowel (a,e,i,o,u) or a consonant?

Now look again at **boys**. Can you work out what the rule is?

When adding a suffix to a word ending in y, look at the letter before the y.

If it is a vowel

If it is a consonant

Now try these

root word	add the suffix	new word	mark	try again	mark
monkey	s				
story	es				
history	cal				
archaeology	st				
history	es				
century	es				
anthropology	st				
boy	s				