Words ending in y

If you're adding a suffix to a word ending in **y**, look at the letter before the **y**. If it's a vowel, just add "s." If it's a consonant, change the **y** to an "i" and add the suffix.

Ex:

baby–babies
country–countries
monkey–monkeys
holiday–holidays

Ex:

     (y to i)   (y to i)
The <u>ladies</u> went to <u>rallies</u> in
     (y to i)
six <u>cities</u>.

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

A: Will you please read the sentence?

B: *The ladies went to rallies in six cities.*

A: Great. Do you see any words that did end in "y"?

B: I do. *Ladies, rallies, cities.*

A: Exactly! But there is no "y" in them now?

B: No. In all three cases, the "y" has been changed to an "i."
Then –es is added.

A: Great. Would we do the same thing if one of the words was *highway*?

B: No, we would not.

A: What would we do then?

B: We'd just add an "**s**." *Highways.*

A: How do you know when to change the "y" to an "i"?

B: You look at the letter before the "y." If it's a vowel, the "y" stays. But if the "y" is the only vowel, it changes to an "i."

A: Excellent!