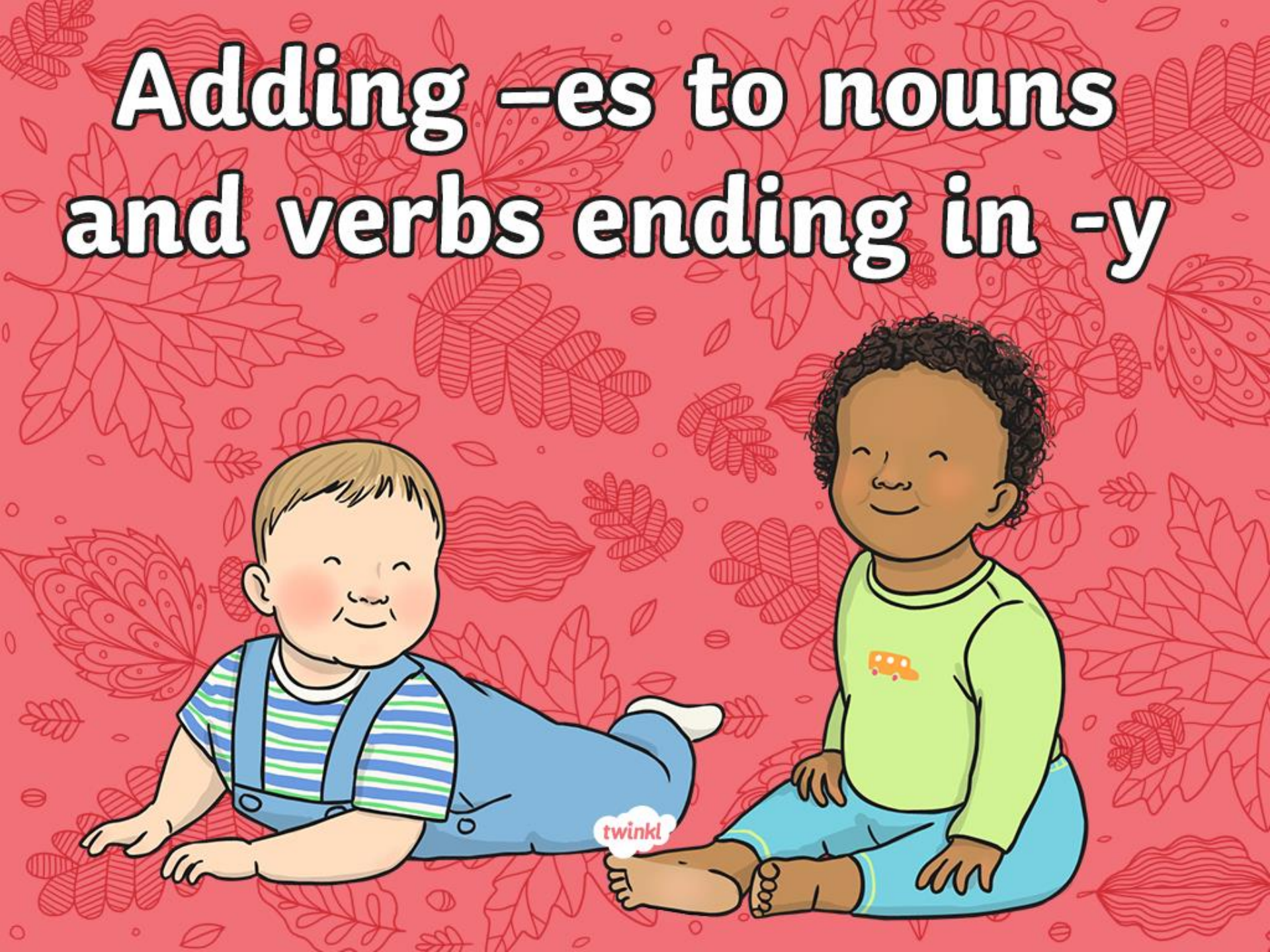
Adding –es to nouns and verbs ending in -y



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Look at how the **verbs** and **nouns** change in these sentences.

I **cry** at sad films.
Mum **cries** at sad films.

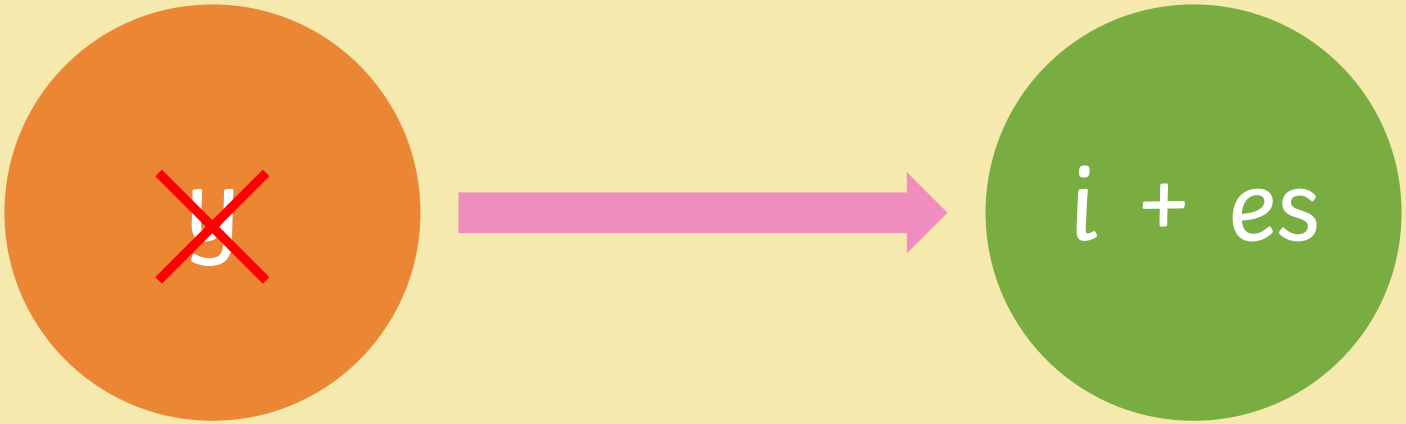
I **try** to learn my spellings.
Lucy **tries** to learn her spellings.

What a sweet **baby**!
What a lot of sweet **babies**!*

We are waiting for one more **reply** to the party.
We are waiting for two more **replies** to the party.*

* a noun ending in y is changed to 'ies' for plurals (more than 1)

The **y** is changed to **i** before **–es** is added.



Use what we have learned to change the endings of these verbs and nouns. The first one has been done for you.

The final 2 are a challenge. Change them back to their root word.

fly	flies
try	
reply	
copy	
baby	
carry	
cry	
dry	
marries	
families	

Answers

How did you do?

fly	flies
try	tries
reply	replies
copy	copies
baby	babies
carry	carries
cry	cries
dry	dries
marries	marry
families	family

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

flies	carries
tries	cries
replies	dries
copies	marries
babies	families

Work hard to learn them and the rule we have looked at today.

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