

Reading Words Ending with “y” (“ee”)

When an “a-e,” “e-e,” “i-e,” “o-e” or “u-e” word has the “y” ending added to it, the “y” replaces the “e” and the vowel sound stays the same as in a “vowel + e” word. Think of **the “y” as standing in for the “e”** at the end of the original word. (Note: The “y” ending is another suffix, like “er” and “ing.”)

Practice reading these words:

s m o k e s m o k y f l a k e f l a k y

sh a d e sh a d y w a v e w a v y

sh a k e sh a k y b o n e b o n y

wh i n e wh i n y l a c e l a c y

Add the “y” suffix to each of these vowel+e root words.

sh i n e _____ slime _____

r o s e _____ grime _____

s p a c e _____ scare _____

s c a l e _____ spine _____