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<i>swim</i>	<i>swims</i>
<i>transform</i>	<i>transforms</i>
<i>collect</i>	<i>collects</i>
<i>pass</i>	<i>passes</i>
<i>finish</i>	<i>finishes</i>
<i>teach</i>	<i>teaches</i>
<i>fix</i>	<i>fixes</i>
<i>go</i>	<i>goes</i>
<i>cry</i>	<i>cries</i>

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<b>Ending?</b>	<b>-s</b>	<b>-es</b>	<b>-ies</b>
<b>Rule?</b>	Most words	after ... ____ss ____sh ____ch ____x ____o	after... ____(consonant)y After verbs ending with a <b>consonant</b> and <b>'-y'</b> , <b>drop the letter '-y'</b>

**Note 1:** Tell that **Have** becomes **has**. It's irregular.

**Note 2:** Highlight the difference between "**cry > cries** and **play > plays**". State that there is a **vowel** before **-y** in **play**. On the other hand, there is a **consonant** before **-y** in **cry**. You can also add that this is just a matter of pronunciation. We can't utter "**crys**" in English.