

English Pronunciation: Words Ending with 'y'

The letter 'y' at the end of English words is very common, but it can have different pronunciations, often influenced by the preceding letters. These are the four sounds:

- 1) 'ee' (as in 'see') Example: battery
- 2) 'ai' (as in 'fine') Example: sky
- 3) 'ay' (as in 'may') Example: say
- 4) 'oy' (as in 'boy') Example: toy

Here are some examples:

Sound 1 ('ee')		Sound 2 ('ai')	Sound 3 ('ay')	Sound 4 ('oy')
<u>Nouns:</u> ferry pity ivy key jockey mystery lorry battery lottery methodology psychology	<u>Verbs:</u> marry carry <u>Adjectives:</u> windy snowy sunny rainy foggy funny happy crazy guilty juicy lucky lazy fatty happy bossy waxy bouncy icy naughty crusty nosey sorry	by my why shy sty fly sky cry fry try buy guy sky <u>Verbs:</u> defy deny justify mystify clarify terrify multiply amplify identify	fray bay way away pray say clay tray lay day Monday Tuesday etc.	joy boy alloy toy ahoy soy

Exercise. Read the following sentences.

1. My daughter, Mary, is very shy and also naughty – it's a mystery!
2. By the way – my battery is extremely crazy on Mondays.
3. The jockey rode quickly on the rainy turf.
4. I pray that the soy sauce pours slowly on the tray.
5. I have an alloy key which is sure to mystify a crazy guy on a snowy day.