Adding –s/-es to Verbs Ending in –y

If a verb ends in –y preceded by a consonant, it changes to –ies in third person singular (he, she, it).

If a verb ends in –y preceded by a vowel, simply add –s in third person singular (he, she, it).

Directions: Use the verb in parentheses to fill in the blanks with the correct form.

1. (try) She never ____________ to do a good job.
2. (buy) Randy’s mother ______________ her vegetables at the farmer’s market.
3. (try) Eleanor ______________ to pay attention in class.
4. (cry) The little boy ______________ for his mother.
5. (pay) My father always ______________ his bills on time.
6. (fly) The airplane ______________ high in the sky.
7. (play) My brother, Mike, ______________ the piano.
8. (study) Karen ______________ with her friends at the library.
9. (stay) The baby-sitter ______________ with the child at night.
10. (say) Catherine ______________ she is happy with her new house.
11. (worry) My mom ______________ too much.
12. (carry) Tommy ______________ his girlfriend’s books.
13. (enjoy) Millie’s sister ______________ talking on the phone.
14. (pay) Who ______________ the bills?
15. (buy) Who ______________ the groceries?

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