Change Y to I

Grade 4 Spelling Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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4. "funny" + -er = "funnier". Which rule explains this spelling?
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6. "enjoy" + -ed = "enjoyed". Which rule explains this spelling?

Always change y to i before an ending.

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Double the y and add -ful.

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8. "study" + -ing = "studying". Which rule explains this spelling?

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Keep the y before -ing so the word does not get two i's in a row.

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