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The Mystery at Thunder Mountain Park

Directions - Read the passage carefully. **Circle every word that follows the change-y-to-i spelling rule.** Look for words formed by changing a final **y** to **i** before adding endings such as **-ed, -es, -er, -est, -ly, or -ness.**

On Saturday morning, our class hurried onto a bus for a trip to Thunder Mountain Park. Everyone waited happily as the driver carried our supplies into the storage area. Two families from another school joined us, and several teachers copied the day's schedule onto bright yellow cards.

When we arrived, the sky looked cloudy, but the guide promised that the weather would improve. We followed a rocky trail through the forest until we reached one of the prettiest waterfalls in the park. The water became noisier as we moved closer, and the air felt chillier beside the rocks. Some students tried to take photographs while others searched for berries near the path.

After lunch, we visited a wildlife center filled with rescued animals. Three puppies slept near the front desk, and colorful butterflies flew through an indoor garden. The tiniest puppy cried when a door slammed, but a worker carried it to a quieter room. Nearby, two ponies munched busily on hay while a sleepy owl watched from a branch.

Later, the guide showed us a map of the stormiest areas of the mountain. He explained that hikers had sometimes worried about getting lost during sudden rainstorms. One group had buried emergency supplies beside the trail, while another had marked the safest paths with signs. The guide said that careful planning made every journey easier.

Just before we left, the clouds opened and rain poured across the park. We hurried back toward the bus, but the trail became muddier and messier with every step. One student slipped and dropped a bag of candies into a puddle. Everyone laughed when he lifted the soggy bag and said it was now the heaviest snack in the world.

Back on the bus, the students talked happily about the trip. Many agreed that the waterfall was the loveliest sight, the owl was the funniest animal, and the muddy hike was the silliest part of the day. Even though our clothes were dirty, everyone felt luckier for having shared the adventure.