

# Adding '-er' and '-est' to Adjectives Ending in 'y'

Practise the words on this list using look, say, cover, write and check. Hint: when a word ends in 'y' and you want to add '-er' or '-est', look at the letter immediately before the 'y'. If it is a consonant, you must change the 'y' to an 'i' and then add '-er' or '-est'. If it is a vowel, just add '-er' or 'est'. (Adjectives that end vowel + 'y' are very rare, so you mainly need to know the consonant + 'y' rule)



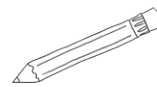
Look



Say



Cover



Write



Check

| Word     | 1st try | 2nd try | 3rd try |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| funny    |         |         |         |
| funnier  |         |         |         |
| funniest |         |         |         |
| silly    |         |         |         |
| sillier  |         |         |         |
| silliest |         |         |         |
| dry      |         |         |         |
| drier    |         |         |         |
| driest   |         |         |         |

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Challenge: Can you apply the rule to other words?

To make sure that you understand the rule, try adding '-er' and '-est' to these words too:

| Adjective | Add -er | Add -est |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| happy     |         |          |
| heavy     |         |          |
| icy       |         |          |
| shiny     |         |          |
| bumpy     |         |          |

Can you think of any other words to add to the list?

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