



**Recap from last week: adding –es to nouns ending -y**

Last week we were learning about adding the suffix –es to words that end with a –y.

This is the spelling rule that we learnt about:

## Plurals for words ending in “-y”

To make the plural, delete the “-y” and add “-ies”:

baby ➡ babies  
diary ➡ diaries  
fly ➡ flies  
army ➡ armies  
dictionary ➡ dictionaries

Did you notice that sometimes when a word ends in ‘y’, you actually don’t need to follow this rule? Sometimes you just add an –s, for example:

toy ➡ toys  
boy ➡ boys  
key ➡ keys  
bay ➡ bays

This happens when there is a **vowel** before the ‘y’.

**This week we are looking at two more suffixes and what happens when you add them to words ending with –y.**

If we want to add –er or –est to the end of a word ending with –y, we first need to remove the –y and change it to an –i before adding the suffix.

Watch this video to help you understand this spelling rule:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ses\\_sYFA83M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ses_sYFA83M)

**New spellings for this week: adding –er and –est to root words ending with –y.**

As well as having a go at learning to spell the words below, please complete some of the suggested activities.

## Words ending with –er and –est

happier	happiest
shinier	shiniest
funnier	funniest
tidier	tidiest
easier	easiest

Here are some other activities for you to try during the week:

- Use this demonstration to help you learn about adding –er and –est to words ending with –y (you will need to choose the demonstration ‘Root words ending in a y that follows a consonant letter’):  
<https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/planning-and-resources/year-2/more-suffixes/adjective-astronauts>
- Have a look in a dictionary and find all of the words on our list. Can you write a definition for each one?
- Write some different sentences and see if you can use all of the words from our list.
- Can you think of any more examples of words that follow our rules? Make a poster to display the words that you thought of.

**Challenge:** There are lots of other rules about adding –er and –est to words. If you would like a challenge, you could play this game and start exploring some of these rules and see what you can find out:

<https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/planning-and-resources/year-2/more-suffixes/adjective-astronauts> (You will need to click on ‘Games’ in the menu)