

Adding -er and -est

We can add the suffixes -er and -est to adjectives to help us compare nouns, like this:

The dog is tall. The man is taller. The giraffe is tallest.

If an adjective ends in 'y', take off the 'y' and add 'i' before adding -er or -est, like this:

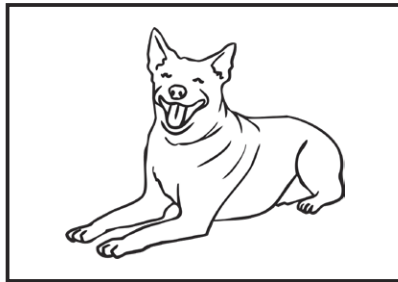
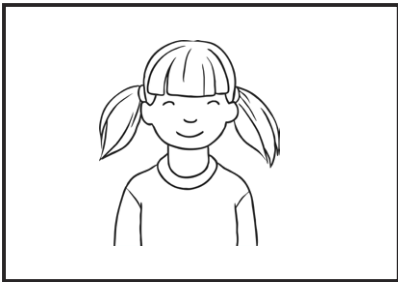
crispy → crisp → crisp+i → crisp+ier → crispier

crispy → crisp → crisp+i → crisp+iest → crispiest

Part A

Change the ending of these adjectives and add -er or -est so that the sentences make sense. Draw pictures to go with each one. The first one is done for you.

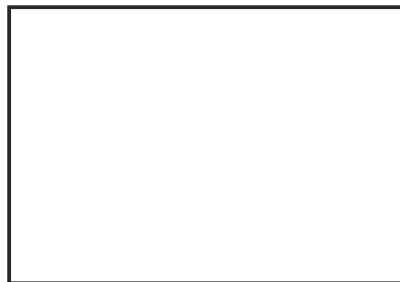
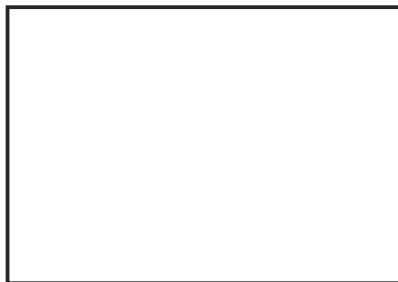
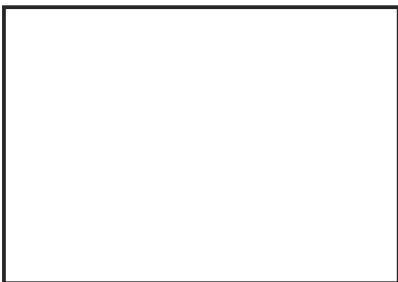
I am **happy**. The dog is happier. The boy is happiest.



The 2p coin is **shiny**. The silver ring is **shin**____. The diamond is **shin**_____.



My dog is **smelly**. My brother's socks are **smell**____. The cheese in the fridge is **smell**_____.



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Jam is **sticky**. Honey is **stick**____. Super glue is **stick**_____.

I am **hungry** at snack time. I am **hungr**_____ at teatime. I am **hungr**_____ at breakfast time.

Add the suffixes -er and -est to this adjective and write each new word in a new sentence.

prickly

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crispy → crisp → crisp+i → crisp+iest → crispiest

If an adjective ends in 'e', take off the 'e' and add -er or -est, like this:

strange → strang → strang+er → stranger

strange → strang → strang+est → strangest

Part B

Pick a word from the list below to finish the story, but remember to add the correct suffix: -er or -est. The first one has been done for you.

Mrs Moss has given us some new spellings to learn. They are trickier than my brother's. In fact, I think they are the _____ ones we have ever done.

Mrs Moss said we are the _____ class in school because she is going to take us to a theme park for working hard. I am much _____ than my friend Sunni, so I will have to go on the _____ rides without him.

Mrs Moss told us she wouldn't go on any rides and it would be _____ if she waited for us on the ground! I told Mrs Moss that seeing her on the rollercoaster would be the _____ thing. She told me I was the _____ boy in the world!

My favourite ride is the water flume. I went on with my _____ sister last year and we were the _____ we have ever been when we got out of the boat.

cheeky

brave

tricky

soggy

funny

lucky

scary

hard

fast

safe

old

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Challenge Task

Write a list of adjectives that end in 'y'.

Can you think of a rhyme or rap to help you remember how to add the suffix -er or -est to words that end in 'y'? Write it here:

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Part A

The 2p coin is **shiny**. The silver ring is **shinier**. The diamond is **shiniest**.

My dog is **smelly**. My brother's socks are **smellier**. The cheese in the fridge is **smelliest**.

Jam is **sticky**. Honey is **stickier**. Super glue is **stickiest**.

I am **hungry** at snack time. I am **hungrier** at teatime. I am **hungriest** at breakfast time.

A bramble is pricklier than a rose. A hedgehog is prickliest.

Part B

Mrs Moss has given us some new spellings to learn. They are **trickier** than my brother's. In fact, I think they are the **hardest** ones we have ever done.

Mrs Moss said we are the **luckiest** class in school because she is going to take us to a theme park for working hard. I am much **braver** than my friend Sunni, so I will have to go on the **scariest/fastest** rides without him.

Mrs Moss told us she wouldn't go on any rides and it would be **safer** if she waited for us on the ground! I told Mrs Moss that seeing her on the **fastest/scariest** rollercoaster would be the **funniest** thing. She told me I was the **cheekiest** boy in the world!

My favourite ride is the water flume. I went on with my **older** sister last year and we were the **soggiest** we have ever been when we got out of the boat.

Challenge!

Children's own responses.