



Adding the suffix -ly to words ending with y

If you add the suffix -ly to an adjective, you can turn it into an adverb. Normally, you can add -ly to a root word without changing the spelling. However, if the root word ends with y and is longer than one syllable, you must change the final y into an i before you add -ly.

Get started

Copy these words, then underline the suffix **-ly**. One has been done for you.

- 1. sleepily
- **2.** prettily
- **3.** breezily
- **4.** cheekily
- **5.** messily
- **6.** shakily
- 7. angrily
- 8. hungrily

sleepily





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Try these

Copy the root words, then add the suffix **-ly**. One has been done for you.

- **1.** nasty nastily
- 2. hasty
- 3. ready
- 4. grumpy
- **5.** busy
- 6. easy



Now try these

Copy and complete these sentences by choosing the correct spelling. One has been done for you.

- 1. The man tucked into the hamburger ! hungrily. (hungrily / hungryly)
- 2. The visitor was dressed_____. (shabbily / shabbly)
- **3.** The boy wrote _____ on the form. (shakly / shakily)
- **4.** The man walked to his car_____(happily / happyly)
- **5.** The thief left the building ______. (hastily / hastly)
- **6.** The racing car zoomed _____ around the corner. (noisely / noisily)





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