Adding –ed, -er and –est to a Word Ending in –y with a Consonant Before It



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Sort these words into adjectives and verbs

Click here for answers!

cry | try | dry | funny | happy | copy | heavy | reply

adjectives	verbs

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What do they all have in common?

cry | try | dry | funny | happy | copy | heavy | reply



- Look at the last letter…
  - They all end in a ‘-y’.
- Look at the letter before the y…
  - They all have a consonant before the ‘-y’.
- What do we call these letters?

How has the verb **try** changed in this sentence?

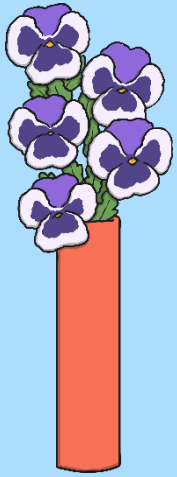
Matthew **tried** very hard to learn his spellings at the weekend.



How is the word spelt now?

How has the verb **reply** changed in this sentence?

"Who smashed Grandma's best vase?" asked mum last night, but nobody **replied**.



Is it still a verb?

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To add '-**ed**' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it...

reply > repli + ed > replied





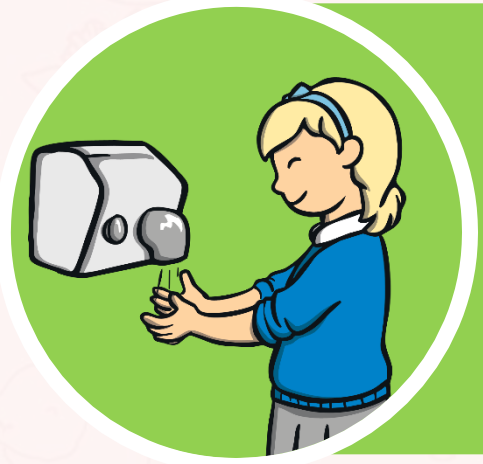
Practice

Answer

Can you follow this rule and change these words?



cried



dried

How has the verb **copy** changed in this sentence?

"Please go to the photo**copier** and get 6 worksheets," Miss Foley said.



How is the word spelt now?

How has the adjective **happy** changed in this sentence?

The old man had never looked **happier**.

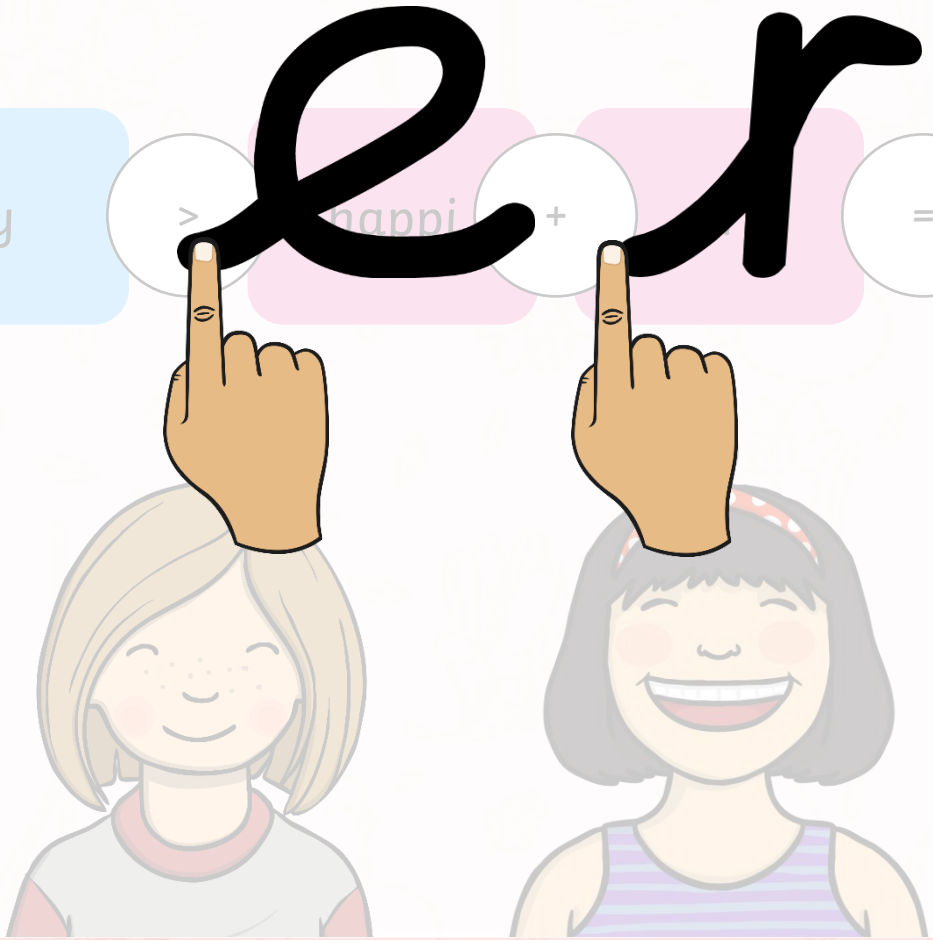


Is it still a verb?
Is it still an adjective?

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To add '-**er**' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it...

happy > happi + er = happier



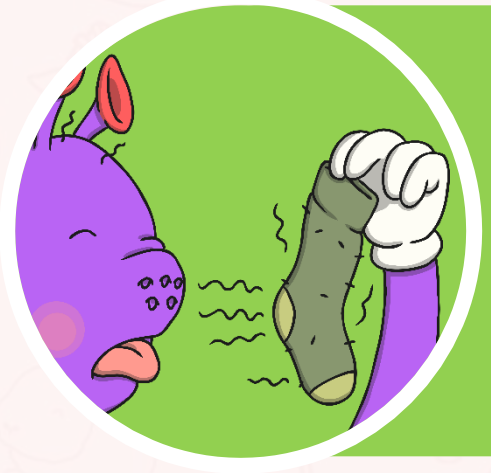
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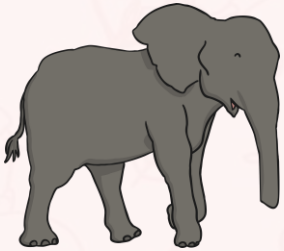
funnier



smellier

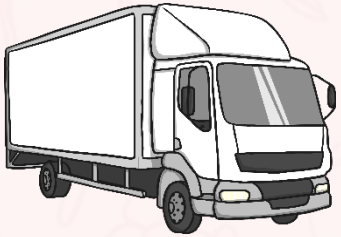
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Using what we have found out about adding '**ed**' and '**er**' to a word ending in '**-y**' with a consonant before it, can you complete these sentences? Write them on your whiteboard.



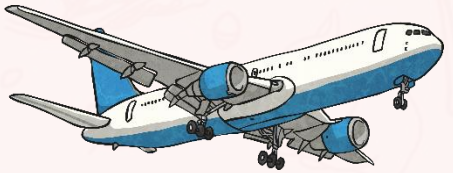
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heavier



A lorry is

heavy



An aeroplane is

heaviest

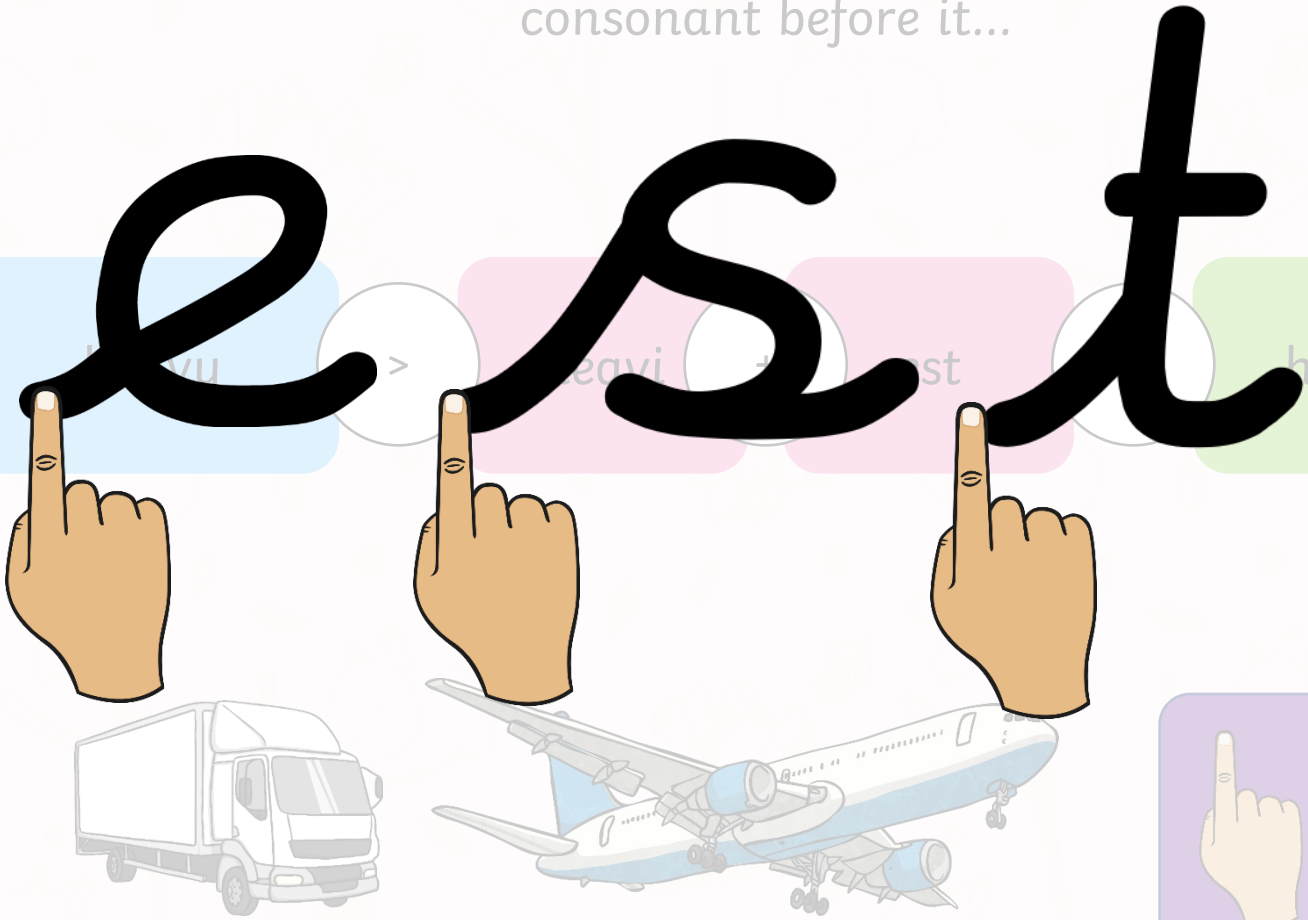
heav ... ?

heavier

heavy

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To add '-**est**' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it...



Practice

Answer

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

copier	replied
copied	tried
happier	dried
happiest	driest
cried	funnier

Work hard to learn them and the rules we have looked at today.



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