

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



Sort these words into adjectives and verbs

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cry

try

dry

funny

happy

copy

heavy

reply

adjectives

verbs

What do they all have in common?

cry

try

dry

funny

happy

copy

heavy

reply



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

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

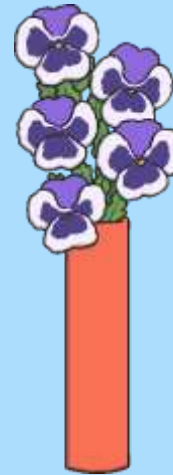
Matthew **tried** very hard to learn his spellings at the weekend.



How is the word spelt now?

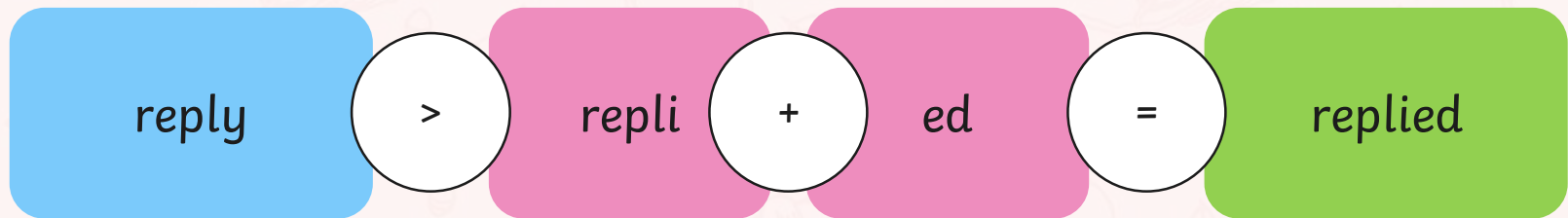
How has the verb **reply** changed in this sentence?

“Who smashed Grandma’s best vase?” asked mum last night, but nobody **replied**.



Is it still a verb?

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



Can you follow this rule and change these words?



cry



dry



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

“Please go to the photoc**opier** 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?

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

happy

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happi

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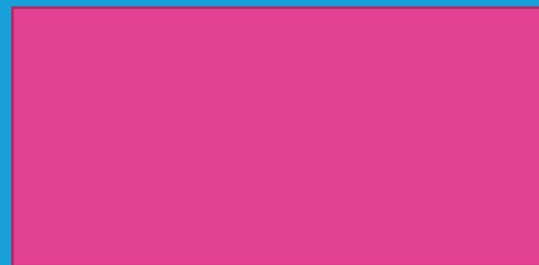
happier



Can you follow this rule and change these words?



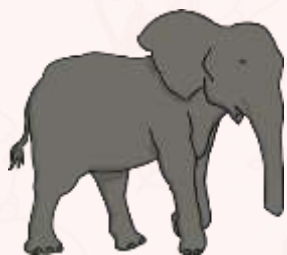
funny



smelly



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.



An elephant is

heavier



A lorry is

heavy



An aeroplane is

heaviest

heav ... ?

heavier

heavy

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

