

Rule 16: 'ly' suffix



Parent information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections:
 1) Explanation of the rule 2) Examples of key words that fit the rule 3) Opportunities to practise 4) Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.



1) Rule 16: Explanation

Usually just add 'ly' to the end of the <u>root word</u>.



...Including when the <u>root word</u> ends in **'e'**.

wide ly	grave <u>ly</u>	brave <u>ly</u>
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BUT... if a <u>root word</u> ends in **'le'**, delete the **'e'** and add **'ly'**.

gently possibly terribly



1) Rule 16: Explanation

If a <u>root word</u> ends in **'y'** remember:

CHANGE IT or KEEP IT!

lazy > lazyly or lazily? Why?

<u>TIP</u>: for the **'ly'** suffix you nearly always **CHANGE IT**.



2) Rule 16: Examples

Where have I just added **'ly'**? Which <u>root words</u> would have ended in **'y'**? Which would have ended in **'e'**?

soft <u>ly</u>	moodi <u>ly</u>	total <u>ly</u>
gent <mark>ly</mark>	extreme <u>ly</u>	angri <u>ly</u>
usual <mark>ly</mark>	loud <u>ly</u>	enormous <u>ly</u>

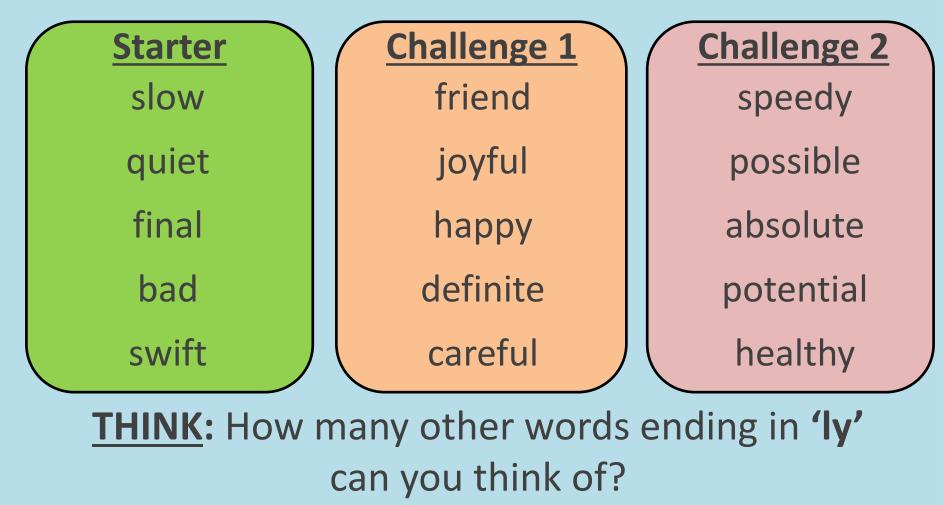
THINK: Some words end in **'lly'**. Why is this?



3) Rule 16: Practice

Add the 'ly' suffix to the root word.

REMEMBER: If it ends in 'y' CHANGE IT or **KEEP IT!**





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4) Rule 16: Further examples

Just add 'ly'		
quick	wide	
slow	close	
loud	strong	
quiet	rapid	
sudden	bad	
recent	firm	
fair	most	
main	deep	
sure	definite	
large	brief	
proper	great	
polite	live	
perfect	absolute	
part	pure	

Just add 'ly
<u>(after 'l')</u>
real
actual
usual
final
general
normal
careful
equal
total
original
occasional
potential

Change 'y' to 'i'		
<u>then add 'ly'</u>		
easy	tidy	
heavy	merry	
ready	pretty	
happy	icy	
steady	nasty	
hasty	greedy	
lucky	angry	
moody	healthy	
grumpy	funny	
busy	cheeky	
noisy	clumsy	
speedy	steady	
sleepy	day	

Exceptions

For words ending in 'll' just add 'y'. E.g. full > full**y**. For words ending in 'ic' usually add 'ally'. E.g. basically,

automatically.

EXP: publicly.

Very few words keep the **'y'** before **'ly'.** E.g. shyly, coyly.