

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 root word.

sadly quickly properly usually

...Including when the root word ends in 'e'.

widely gravely bravely

BUT... if a root word ends in 'le',
delete the 'e' and add 'ly'.

gentlely possiblely terriblely



1) Rule 16: Explanation

If a root word ends in 'y' remember:

CHANGE IT or **KEEP IT!**

happyy > happily or happyyly? Why?

lazyy > lazyyly or lazily? Why?

TIP: for the 'ly' suffix you nearly always **CHANGE IT**.

2) Rule 16: Examples

Where have I just added 'ly'?

Which root words would have ended in 'y'?

Which would have ended in 'e'?

softly

moodily

totally

gentlly

extremely

angrily

usuallly

loudly

enormously

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!**

Starter

slow

quiet

final

bad

swift

Challenge 1

friend

joyful

happy

definite

careful

Challenge 2

speedy

possible

absolute

potential

healthy

THINK: How many other words ending in 'ly'
can you think of?

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' (after 'l')

real
actual
usual
final
general
normal
careful
equal
total
original
occasional
potential

Change 'y' to 'i' then add 'ly'

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 > fully.

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.