

## Words ending in “consonant + y”

If a word ends in a **consonant** + y ( -by / -ry / -sy / etc.)

Y changes to ie before -S:			
Baby / babies	family / families	country / countries	secretary / secretaries
hurry / hurries	study/ studies	apply / applies	try / tries
Y changes to i before -ED:			
hurry / hurried	study/ studied	apply / applied	try / tried
Y changes to i before -ER and -EST			
Easy / easier / easiest	heavy / heavier / heaviest	lucky / luckier / luckiest	
Y changes to i before -LY:			
easy / easily	heavy / heavily	Temporary / temporarily	

## Words ending in **-E** (smoke, hope, wide, etc.)

<b>Verbs</b>			
If a verb ends in <b>-e</b> , leave out e before <b>-ing</b>			
Smoke / smoking	hope / hoping	dance / dancing	confuse / confusing
<b>Exceptions: be / being</b>			
Verbs ending in <b>-ee</b> : see / seeing agree / agreeing			
If a verb ends in <b>-e</b> , add <b>-d</b> for the past (of regular verbs):			
Smoke / smoked	hope / hoped	dance / danced	confuse / confused
<b>Adjectives and adverbs</b>			
If an adjective ends in <b>-e</b> , keep the <b>e</b> before the adverb ending <b>-ly</b>			
polite / politely	extreme / extremely	absolute / absolutely	sincere / sincerely
If an adjective ends in <b>-le (terrible, probable, etc)</b> , leave out the <b>e</b> and add <b>-y</b> for the adverb.			
terrible / terribly	probable / probably	reasonable / reasonably	