

# Suffixes -y, -ly, -ily

**Suffixes added to base words change the meaning and part of speech of the base word.**

**The suffix -y added to a noun changes it to an adjective.**

**dirt** + **y** = **dirty**  
(noun) (adj.)

The **dirt** made our shoes **dirty**.

**noise** - **e** + **y** = **noisy**  
(noun) (adj.)

The **noise** from the lawn mower made our afternoon **noisy**.

**The suffix -ly added to an adjective changes it to an adverb.**

**brave** + **ly** = **bravely**  
(adj.) (adv.)

The **brave** knight fought **bravely** against the enemy.

**The suffix -ily added to an adjective changes it to an adverb.**

**hungry** - **y** + **ily** = **hungrily**  
(adj.) (adverb)

The **hungry** dog **hungrily** devoured all the food.

**The suffix -ily added to a noun changes it to an adverb.**

**noise** - **e** + **ily** = **noisily**  
(noun) (adverb)

The car chugged **noisily** down the road.