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Year 4 Spelling

Sequence 5

Adding suffixes beginning with vowels -er -est -y	For this rule, y is classed as an honorary vowel. When a root word ending in y has more than one syllable, change the y to i (happiest, lazier, funniest). When a root word ends with e, remove the e before adding the suffix (nicest, bravest, larger). When a root word ends in a short vowel and consonant, double the consonant (fatter, biggest).
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Task One

Rewrite each word with the suffix **-er**. The first one has been done for you.

lead leader write _____ copy _____

drive _____ carry _____ begin _____

drum _____ sleepy _____ teach _____

Task Two

Rewrite each word with the suffix **-est**. The first one has been done for you.

cosy cosiest fine _____ mad _____

thin _____ dark _____ fancy _____

noble _____ fit _____ busy _____

Task Three

Rewrite each word with the suffix **-y**. The first one has been done for you.

shine shiny sun _____ craft _____

ease _____ muscle _____ skin _____



Star Challenge

How many other words can you find with the **-er** or **-est** suffixes? What is the root word?