

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a word.

Add er or est; double the final consonant or change y to i when needed.

Watch for base word changes like dropping e or changing y to i.

THE SPELLING RULE**Suffix er and est with changes**

hotter bigger thinner prettiest happiest
funniest sadder later nicer easiest

Add er or est; double the final consonant or change y to i when needed.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “Today is hotter, but tomorrow will be the hottest.”

This deck teaches **Suffix er and est with changes** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the suffix."

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Notice the suffix.

Find the suffix inside the word.

hotter = hot + t + er

I CAN I can notice the suffix in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

prettiest • prettyest • pretiest

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a suffix word."

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

big + er = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

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OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

happy + est = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the suffix, then spell one word of your own.

"This is the funniest and happiest day," she said.

I CAN I can explain the suffix and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

hot + er → _____ big + er → _____ thin + er → _____ happy + est → _____
funny + est → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the suffix on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

hotter = hot + t + er.

CHOOSE

prettiest is correct.

SHOW

big + er = bigger.

OWN

happy + est = happiest.

DEFEND

The suffix keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be bigger, thinner, or prettiest.

YOUR TURN

hotter, bigger, thinner, happiest, funniest

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A prettiest

B prettyest

C pretiest

D prettijest

The answer is **A**.

A prettiest · Correct. Change y to i, then add est.

B prettyest · Keeps the y instead of changing to i.

C pretiest · Uses one t.

D prettijest · Adds an extra j.