

Add the -ly Suffix			
Usually, change nothing & add ly		Words ending in <le> syllable	
active	active <b>ly</b>	possib <b>le</b>	possib <b>ly</b>
just add <b>ly</b>		drop <b>le</b> ending then add <b>ly</b>	
		affordable	
accidental		audible	
actual		comfortable	
aggressive		horrible	
amazing		impossible	
complete		irreversible	
current		miserable	
dead		probable	
definite			
deliberate		Words ending in <y> syllable	
fortunate		2 or more syllables	
frequent		easy <b>y</b>	eas <b>ily</b>
global		change <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> then add <b>ly</b>	
immediate		greedy	
literal		messy	
occasional		sloppy	
precise		speedy	
quick		temporary	
rare			
social		Words ending in <ic> syllable	
proper		automatic	automatic <b>ally</b>
sincere		add <b>al</b> before <b>ly</b>	
soft		basic	
sure		heroic	
stylish		horrific	
thankful		scientific	
visual		specific	
		except public - publicly	

**Notes:**

You will find some rare exceptions, ('day/daily', 'full/fully', 'public/publicly', true/truly') but most of the time you can just add -ly so you don't have to worry about doubling an <l> or dropping an <e>.

The common exceptions are these 3 final syllables:

**le** This is the <le> ending which can be a syllable on its own. Talking about the 'le ending' stops students from trying to make up useless rules about words ending in <e>.

**y** This is the ending <y> representing the /ee/ sound as in 'greedy' and doesn't affect single syllable words like 'shy'.

**ic** This applies to multisyllabic words ending <ic> as in 'frantic/frantically' with the important exception of 'public/publicly'.

**Activities**

- Talk through the grid on page 1, filling in the blanks together or in pairs/groups.
- Make cards to sort into the 4 categories, then have students add -ly accordingly.
- Fill in the grid, adding the ly ending.
- Start with the word complete with -ly and figure out the word that -ly was added onto. Can you go back even further? i.e. accidentally – accidental – accident. This could lead to a discussion about parts of speech. -ly usually changes an adjective to an adverb. Can you take all these words back to their noun? Does the same noun go with both 'horrible' and 'horrific'? Check etymonline.com if you're not sure. Have your students do some word detecting!
- Choose words that suit your students. You don't have to do all the words but, for any activity, make sure there are a greater number of trustworthy words than words that require changes. Students should get used to adding -ly without making changes especially to words like definite, immediate, fortunate, sincere etc which often show up on 'difficult to spell' lists.

As with all TST activities, students are discovering how predictable the language is so they can concentrate on the words that require more memory.



Add -ly putting each word in the correct column				
	no change add ly	drop le syllable add ly	change y syllable to i then add ly	after ic syllable add al then ly
accidental				
active				
actual				
affordable				
aggressive				
audible				
basic				
comfortable				
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sure				
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visual				

Answers				
	no change add ly	drop le syllable add ly	change y syllable to i then add ly	after ic syllable add al then ly
accidental	accidentally			
active	actively			
actual	actually			
affordable		affordably		
aggressive	aggressively			
audible		audibly		
basic				basically
comfortable		comfortably		
complete	completely			
current	currently			
dead	deadly			
definite	definitely			
deliberate	deliberately			
fortunate	fortunately			
frequent	frequently			
global	globally			
greedy			greedily	
heroic				heroically
horrible		horribly		
horrific				horrifically
immediate	immediately			
impossible		impossibly		
irreversible		irreversibly		
messy			messily	
miserable		miserably		
occasional	occasionally			
possible		possibly		
precise	precisely			
probable		probably		
proper	properly			
quick	quickly			
rare	rarely			
scientific				scientifically
sincere	sincerely			
sloppy			sloppily	
social	socially			
soft	softly			
specific				specifically
speedy			speedily	
stylish	stylishly			
sure	surely			
temporary			temporarily	
visual	visually			