

# Spelling

LO: To add 'er' and 'est' to adjectives to create superlatives.

# Adding 'er'

Look how easy it is to add 'er' to most words.

quick + er

quicker

great + er

greater

full + er

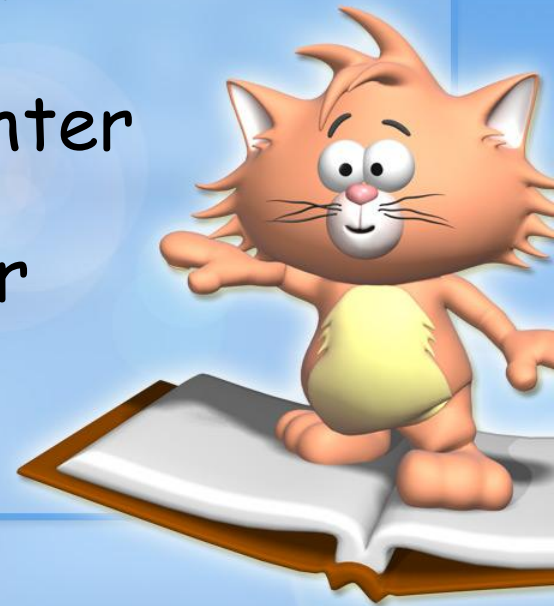
fuller

bright + er

brighter

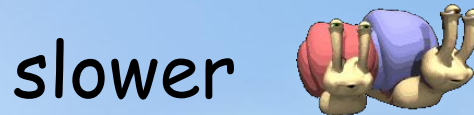
tall + er

taller



# Adding 'est'

It is just as easy to add 'est' to most words.





Let's move on...

Adding 'er' and 'est'  
to adjectives that  
end in an **e**

Words ending in *e* are a bit more tricky !

late + er

late

er

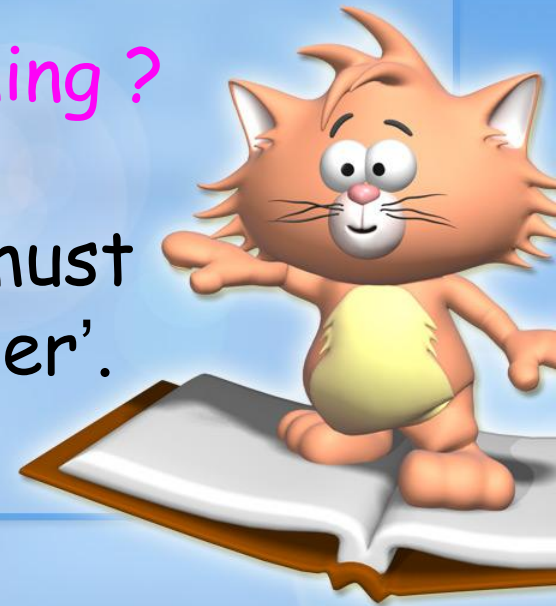
fine + er

fine

er

Can you see what is happening ?

If a word ends in an *e* you must drop the *e* before adding 'er'.



# Adding 'est'

It is just as easy to add 'est' to words ending in e.



cute



cuter



cutest

large



larger



largest



nice



nicer



nicest





Let's move on...

Adding 'er' and 'est'  
to adjectives that  
end in a **y**

Words ending in **y** are also tricky !

lonely + er

lonely*i*

er

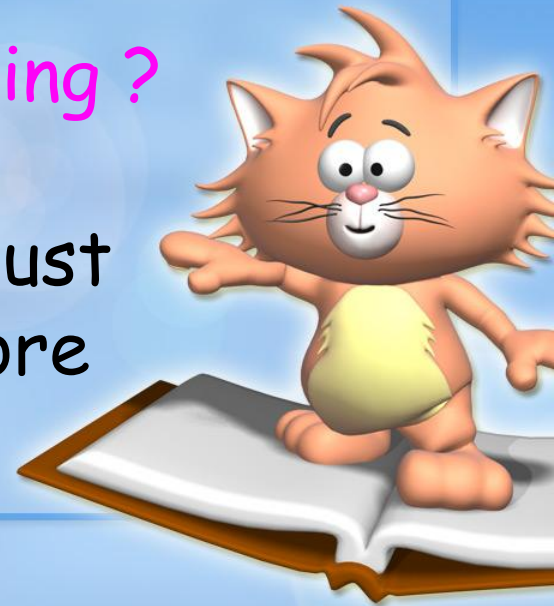
noisy + er

noisy*i*

er

Can you see what is happening ?

If a word ends in a **y** you must change the **y** into an **i** before adding 'er'.





# Adding 'est'

It is just as easy to add 'est' to words ending in y.



happy



happier



happiest

silly



sillier



silliest



easy



easier



easiest





Let's move on...

Adding 'er' and 'est' to adjectives that have a short vowel sound and end with one consonant.

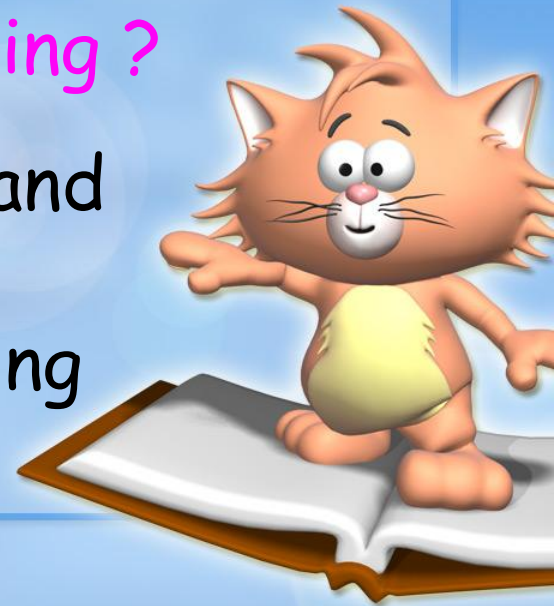
Some adjectives need to add an extra letter when adding 'er'

slim + er      slimm      er

flat + er      flatt      er

Can you see what is happening ?

If a word has a short vowel sound and ends in one consonant, you must **double the consonant** before adding 'er'.



# Adding 'est'

It is just as easy to add 'est' where there is a short vowel sound and one consonant.

fat



fatter



fattest



hot



hotter



hottest



thin



thinner

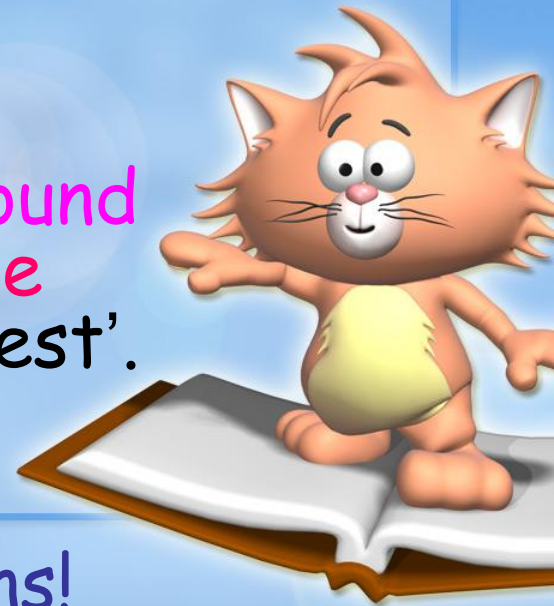


thinnest



# So remember...

- Most words ... just add 'er' or 'est'.
- Words ending in **e** ... drop the **e** before adding 'er' or 'est'.
- Words ending in **y**... change the **y** to an **i** before adding 'er' or 'est'.
- Words that have a **short vowel sound** and **one consonant** ... **double the consonant** before adding 'er' or 'est'.



There can be some exceptions!