

Adding -ed, -er and -est to a Word Ending in -y



Changing Adjectives and Verbs

We can change the meaning of adjectives and verbs by adding -ed, -er and -est.

How has the verb **try** changed in this sentence?



Matthew **tried** very hard to learn his spellings at the weekend.

How has the word **copy** changed in this sentence?



“Please go to the **photocopier** and get 6 worksheets,” Miss Foley said.

How has the adjective **happy** changed in this sentence?



The old man felt the **happiest** he had ever been.

Adding '-ed'

To add '-ed' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it...
...change the '-y' to 'i' and add '-ed'.
Just like this.

reply

>

repli

+

ed

=

replied

copy

>

copied



cry

>

cried



reply

>

replied



Adding '-ed'

To add '-ed' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it...
...change the '-y' to 'i' and add '-ed'.
Just like this.

reply

>

repli

+

ed

=

replied

try

>

tried



dry

>

dried



Adding '-er'

To add '-er' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it...

...change the '-y' to 'i' and add '-er'.

Just like this.

happy

>

happi

+

er

=

happier

copy

>

copier



funny

>

funnier



happy

>

happier



Adding '-est'

To add '-est' to a word that ends in '-y' with a consonant before it....

...change the '-y' to 'i' and add '-est'.

Just like this.

heavy

>

heavi

+

est

=

heaviest



happy

>

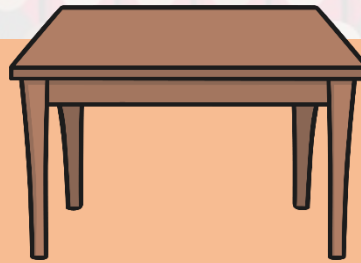
happiest



Stressed /er/ Spelt 'ur'

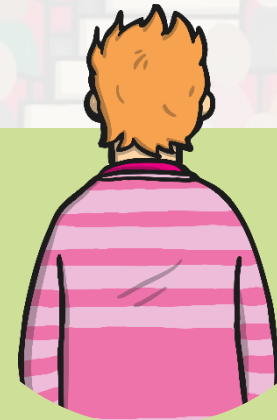


Can you air write an
'-ed' with your finger?



Can you write a 'er'
on your table or on the
carpet?

Can you write a 'est'
on the back of your
hand?



Can you write either an
'-ed', an '-er' or an 'est'
on a partner's back?

Can they tell what
letters you have
written?

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

copier

replied

copied

tried

happier

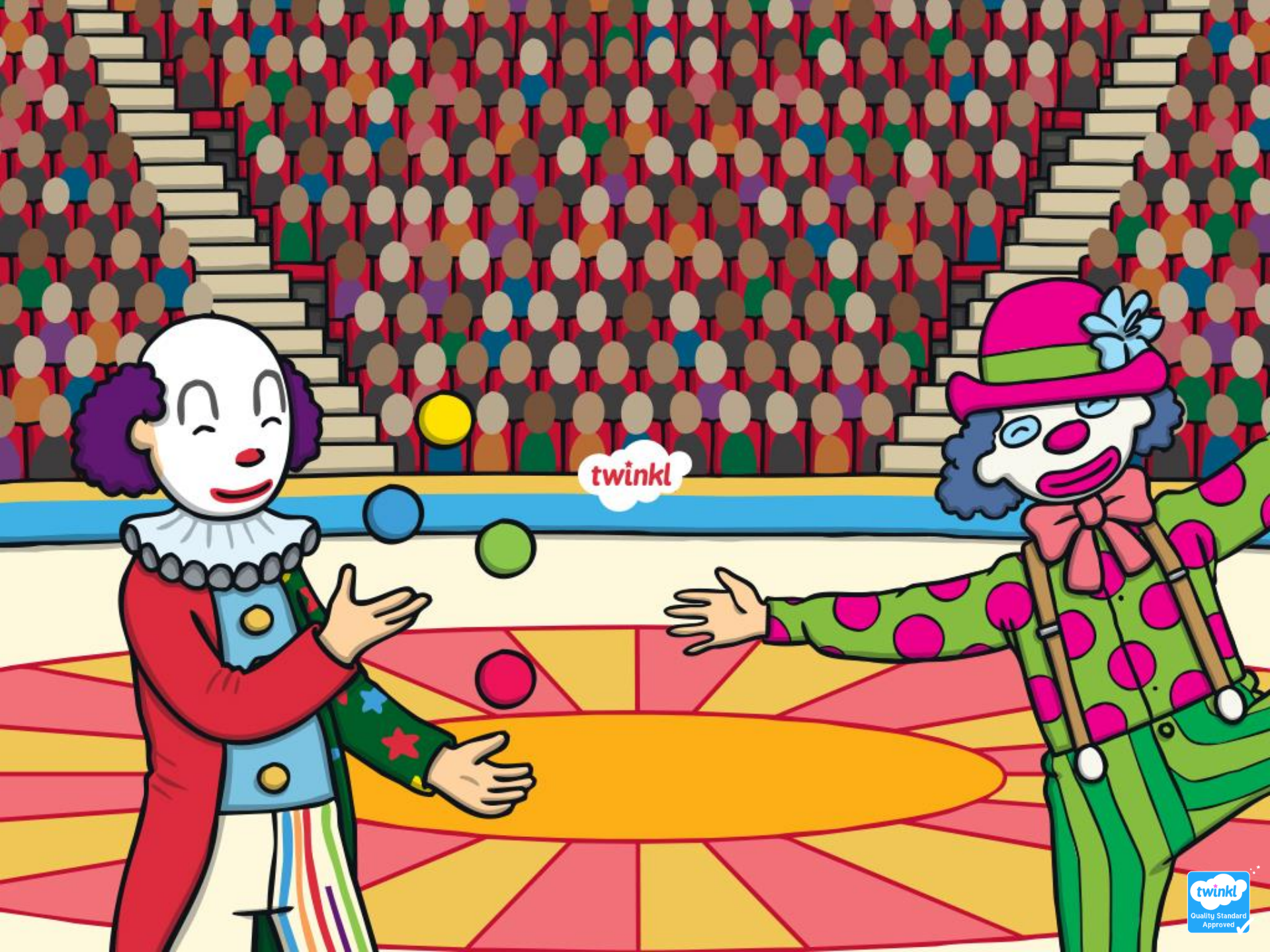
dried

happiest

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funnier



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