

KS1 Spelling Rules

Rule 30: 'ed', 'er', 'est' suffixes after an 'e'

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Teacher information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections: **1)** Explanation of the rule **2)** Examples of key words that fit the rule **3)** Opportunities to practise **4)** Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.

1) Rule 30: Explanation

To change words ending in 'e' to past tense, drop the 'e' then add 'ed'.

Two 'e's would be **GREED-E!**

Today I...

wave

like

hope

Yesterday I...

waved

liked

hoped

1) Rule 30: Explanation

To add 'er' or 'est' to words ending in 'e',
drop the 'e' then add the suffix.

Two 'e's would be **GREED-E!**

It is...

wide

safe

late

(More)

wider

safer

later

(Most)

widest

safest

latest

2) Rule 30: Examples

Remember: don't let the words be **GREED-E!**

named

braver

later

whitest

finest

baked

What would these say without
the 'ed', 'er' or 'est' suffix?

3) Rule 30: Practice

Add the **suffix** to the root word.

Remember: don't let the words be **GREED-E!**

Starter

wipe + ed

hate + ed

poke + ed

save + ed

3) Rule 30: Practice

Add the **suffix** to the root word.

Remember: don't let the words be **GREED-E!**

Challenge 1

fine + *er*

late + *er*

wide + *est*

cute + *est*

3) Rule 30: Practice

Add the **suffix** to the root word.
Think: are they being **GREED-E**?

Challenge 2

push + **ed**

like + **ed**

brave + **er**

hard + **est**

4) Rule 30: Further examples

Drop the 'e' and
add 'ed' – don't

let them be

GREED-E!

hope	name
dance	chime
like	free
bake	rake
smile	wave
hate	rule
poke	blame
type	stroke
slope	cube
waste	dine
love	crave
joke	pile

Drop the 'e' and
add 'er' / 'est' –

don't let them

be GREED-E!

brave
close
cute
fine
large
late
pale
rare
safe
strange
white
wide