Comparing Words and Y Endings

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: When a word ends in **consonant + y**, change y to **i** before -er or -est: happy → happ**i**er. After a short vowel + one consonant, **double** it: big → bi**gg**est.

Two quick checks: ends in y? Change to i. Short vowel, one consonant? Double it.

1. This week's words

Read each word aloud. Then cover it, write it on scrap paper and check.



sunny **rainy** **windy** **funny** **happier** **happiest** **bigger** **biggest** **hottest** **easier** **tiniest** **busier**

2. Circle the correct spelling

One word in each row is spelled correctly. Circle it.

1. (a) happier (b) happyer (c) hapier
2. (a) bigest (b) biggest (c) biggist
3. (a) suny (b) sunney (c) sunny
4. (a) easier (b) easyer (c) eazier
5. (a) hotest (b) hottest (c) hottist
6. (a) tinyest (b) tinest (c) tiniest
7. (a) funny (b) funy (c) funnie
8. (a) busyer (b) busier (c) bussier

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3. Use the words

Circle the spelling word that completes each sentence.

1. Fly a kite on a _____ day. — windy / tiniest / easier
2. An elephant is _____ than a dog. — busier / bigger / funny
3. July was the _____ month of the year. — happier / rainy / hottest
4. Take an umbrella on a _____ day. — rainy / biggest / sunny

4. Write it right

Write a sentence using each word.

1. happiest

2. easier

3. tiniest

Answer Key

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2. Circle the correct spelling

1.	**a happier**	b happyer	c hapier
2.	a bigest	**b biggest**	c biggist
3.	a suny	b sunney	**c sunny**
4.	**a easier**	b easyer	c eazier
5.	a hotest	**b hottest**	c hottist
6.	a tinyest	b tinest	**c tiniest**
7.	**a funny**	b funy	c funnie
8.	a busyer	**b busier**	c bussier

3. Use the words

1	Fly a kite on a **windy** day.	**windy**	tiniest	easier
2	An elephant is **bigger** than a dog.	busier	**bigger**	funny
3	July was the **hottest** month of the year.	happier	rainy	**hottest**
4	Take an umbrella on a **rainy** day.	**rainy**	biggest	sunny

4. Write it right

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. happiest
   My birthday was the happiest day of the year.
2. easier
   Math is easier when I practise.
3. tiniest
   The hummingbird is the tiniest bird.