



deadly

*Remember . . .

-y at the ends of short words usually says /I/,
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-y at the ends of longer words usually says /ee/.

If that rule doesn't make a word you know, just *flip it* to the other sound!

To change the word **deadly** to show that something is *more* deadly than another, we cannot simply add the ending.

deadlyer deadlyest

(We'd try to read the y as a consonant, not a vowel.)

So what do we do?

When adding endings, we change the Y to an I and then add the endings.

The i will make the sound the y made in the original word.

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deadly deadlier deadliest

It works the same with other endings, too.

cries cried

beauty \rightarrow beautiful happy \rightarrow happiness angry \rightarrow angrily