

TIP

The suffix **er** means more, as in tighter. It is used to compare two things. The suffix **est** means most, as in cruellest. It is used to compare more than two things. The suffix **ness** changes an adjective into a noun, as in damp-dampness. To add suffixes to words ending in **y**, change the **y** to an **i**: tiny-tinier. To add suffixes to words ending in **e**, drop the **e**: simple-simplest.

LIST WORDS

1. happiness
2. muddiest
3. tighter
4. cruellest
5. noisiest
6. crazier
7. stiffness
8. dampness
9. sharpness
10. strictest
11. brightest
12. thickest
13. emptiness
14. tinier
15. firmest
16. cleverness
17. healthier
18. simplest
19. cleanliness
20. promptness

Spelling Practice

Words with **er**, **est** and **ness**

Write a **list word** under the correct heading.

Words with the
suffix **er**

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
- Words with the
suffix **est**
5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____
 10. _____
 11. _____
 12. _____

Words that were changed
from adjectives to nouns
with the suffix **ness**

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Word Parts

Add a suffix to each base word to form a **list word**. Write the word on the line.

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|-----------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. tight | _____ | 8. muddy | _____ |
| 2. empty | _____ | 9. stiff | _____ |
| 3. thick | _____ | 10. noisy | _____ |
| 4. clean | _____ | 11. bright | _____ |
| 5. sharp | _____ | 12. strict | _____ |
| 6. clever | _____ | 13. prompt | _____ |
| 7. tiny | _____ | 14. crazy | _____ |

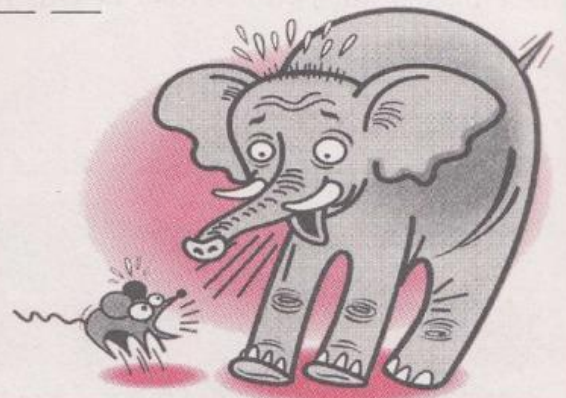
Synonyms

On the spaces at the right, write a **list word** that means the same as the word given. Then, read the letters in the shaded box to solve the riddle.

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|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. shiniest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. heartier | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. easiest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. moistness | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. loudest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. smaller | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. meanest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. dirtiest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. hardest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Riddle: What is extremely precious, can't be bought, but can be found?

Answer: _____



Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

This paragraph from a travel book has nine mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the misspelled **list words** on the lines.

Hapyness mightbe listening to a story at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough tennessee. This was the first such festival in the country and it is still the best-known. What can you do there You can see the brietest storytellers turn the simmplest stories into the most fascinating tales you've ever heard. You will be amazed by their clevarness.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ^ add something
- ≡ captial letter

