

Word Endings

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general		cheery	
steady		ginger	
romantic		physical	
particular		magic	
high		gentle	

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luckily merrily easily

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simply humbly nobly

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basically dramatically frantically

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 words with the suffix **-ly** in the grid, then write them below.

e s m o o t h l y u j
o q b n d c v i m c t
z a e q u a l l y g b
i n t i x o p q v t w
f d c a i h g m w l u
j v e x t r e m e l l y
b e a u t i f u l l y
p w p e r f e c t l y
j o e u y l x u w v h
r o t t d v l e n g w

What rule do all these spellings follow?

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cautiously

approximately

daintily

poetically

Look at the spelling word, cover it up and then try to write it yourself.

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i	n	t	i	x	o	p	q	v	t	w
f	d	c	a	i	h	g	m	w	l	u
j	v	e	x	t	r	e	m	e	l	y
b	e	a	u	t	i	f	u	l	l	y
p	w	p	e	r	f	e	c	t	l	y
j	o	e	u	y	l	x	u	w	v	h
r	o	t	t	d	v	l	e	n	g	w

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