

## English Adjectives ending with 'y'

There are about 900 English adjectives which end with 'y'. They are mostly two syllables and are usually based on one-adjective nouns. For example:

- rain → rainy
- wind → windy
- juice → juicy
- nose → nosy
- dirt → dirty
- noise → noisy

The 'y' suffix comes from the Old English "-ig." Many of the words have origins of over 1,000 years, which explains why the pattern is so deeply embedded in English.

Here is a list of about 80 of the most common examples:

angry	funny	moody	smoky
bossy	grassy	muddy	snowy
bumpy	greasy	naughty	sorry
cheeky	grumpy	noisy	sparkly
cheery	guilty	nosy	spiky
chunky	gunky	oily	sticky
cloudy	hairy	pushy	stormy
crazy	happy	rainy	sunny
crazy	healthy	risky	thirsty
creamy	hungry	rocky	tidy
crusty	icy	rowdy	tipsy
dacey	itchy	runny	touchy
dirty	juicy	sandy	trendy
dizzy	lazy	shabby	tricky
dodgy	leafy	shiny	waxy
dusty	lively	silky	wealthy
fatty	lucky	silly	windy
flashy	lumpy	sketchy	witty
fluffy	messy	sleepy	woolly
foggy	misty	slimy	

Native speakers often invent new adjectives like this spontaneously, especially in informal speech. For example:

pixely, plasticity, techy, nerdy, geeky, glitchy, cheesy, sketchy, trendy, flashy, classy, tacky, snazzy, jazzy, showy, grungy, funky, quirky

With time and frequent use, many of these words becomes absorbed into the official language.

Some adjectives which end with 'y' have 3 or more syllables, but they are much less common. For example:

shadowy, imaginary, honorary, regulatory