Suffixes -y, -ly, -ily

Suffixes added to base words change the meaning and part of speech of the base word.

The suffix -y added to a noun changes it to an adjective.

\[
dirt + y = \text{dirty}
\]
(noun) (adj.)

The dirt made our shoes dirty.

\[
\text{noise} + e + y = \text{noisy}
\]
(noun) (adj.)

The noise from the lawn mower made our afternoon noisy.

The suffix -ly added to an adjective changes it to an adverb.

\[
\text{brave} + \text{ly} = \text{bravely}
\]
(adj.) (adv.)

The brave knight fought bravely against the enemy.

The suffix -ily added to a noun changes it to an adverb.

\[
\text{hungry} + e + \text{ily} = \text{hungrily}
\]
(adj.) (adverb)

The hungry dog hungrily devoured all the food.

\[
\text{noise} + e + \text{ily} = \text{noisily}
\]
(noun) (adverb)

The car chugged noisily down the road.