



Words with the Suffix -Y



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Adjectives

Airy - Open to a free current of air; exposed to the air

- The cabin was bright and **airy**.

Ashy - This word is often used to describe someone's complexion or skin color to be pale or unhealthy.

- Trevor had become very thin and his skin turned **ashy**.

Bulky - Big but in an awkward way

- The box was **bulky** and wouldn't fit the trunk of my car. I had no choice but to pay the delivery fee.

Cheesy - Having a strong cheese flavor.

- I like this pasta dish, it's very **cheesy**.

Also being too dramatic or emotional

"I didn't like the movie, the ending was kind of **cheesy**."

Cocky - Overconfident

- Milton was a good boxer but he was **cocky** and didn't have many friends at the gym.

Curvy - Having curves

- She has long brown hair and a curvy figure.

Dreamy - This is often used to mean handsome or attractive

- I love the star of that show. He is dreamy!

Dusty - Covered with dust

- The attic was filled with dusty books and old furniture.

Earthy - Like soil or the earth

- The farm had an **earthy** smell that reminded me of my childhood.

Edgy - Often used to describe something that is on the edge between acceptable and offensive.

- The comedian was popular with young people, but his humor was a bit too **edgy** for an older crowd.

Faulty - Having or displaying faults; not perfect; not adequate or acceptable

- They had to replace all the **faulty** wiring. It was an expensive repair.

Flowery - This adjective can mean covered or decorated with flowers.

- She wore a **flowery** summer dress.

It can also be used to describe writing or speech that is elaborate using many expressions and phrases. Often used in a negative way.

- He made a **flowery** speech that lost most of the crowd.

Foggy - Having lots of fog

- I don't like driving on the highway when it's **foggy**.

Frosty - Of a thing, having frost on it. Of the temperature, cold

- The ground is **frosty** today. My lawn is mostly white.

Funny - Amusing; humorous;

- That movie is so **funny**. It's one of my favorites.

Strange or odd; not right

- The milk in the fridge smells **funny**. When did you buy it?

Furry - Covered in fur

- Many smaller, **furry** mammals lived during the time of the dinosaurs.

Grainy - Coarsely ground or gritty. Often used to describe images/photos that are not clear.

- Astronomers tried to understand the **grainy** images taken by the telescope.

Gravelly - Full of, covered with, or similar to gravel or pebbles.

- We drive in silence down the long gravelly road to the cottage.

Greedy - Having greed; consumed by selfish desires.

- Some call him an inspiration while others only think of him as **greedy**.

Grimy - Full of or covered with grime (dirt)

- His clothes were grimy and stained with food.

Grouchy - easily upset; angry; tending to complain

- The janitor was always **grouchy** and in a bad mood.

Hairy - Covered with hair

- Richard was always self-conscious about his **hairy** back. He didn't like to go to the beach.

Hasty - Acting with haste, quickly

- The troops made a **hasty** retreat in the face of the enemy numbers.

Hazy - Thick or obscured with haze (Haze is small particles of dirt, dust or moisture in the air that make it difficult to see.)

- I was happy to get out of the **hazy** summer weather in the city and visit the countryside for a few days.

Healthy - Having good health

- I wish everyone a happy and **healthy** holiday season.

Hungry - Having hunger

- It's getting late. Is anyone else **hungry**?

Juicy - Having lots of juice

- I was very hungry so I ordered a big **juicy** steak with mashed potatoes.

Lazy - Not willing to do work or make an effort (From the verb [LAZE](#))

- Joel is smart but unfortunately, he's also **lazy**. This will keep him from getting a good job after college.

Loony - Crazy or very silly

- Some say he is a business genius while others call him **loony**.

Lucky - Having luck, being fortunate

- Terry scored the winning goal for his team in the final seconds of the game. Terry says it was a **lucky** shot but he is just being modest.

(Luck Idiom link)

Milky - Resembling milk in color, consistency, smell, etc.; consisting of milk

- All the girls were jealous of Vanessa's flawless, **milky** skin.

Nosy/nosey - Prying, inquisitive or curious about other people's business

- Thomas needs to mind his own business. He is too **nosy** sometimes.

Oily - Covered with or containing oil

- I use a special moisturizer to treat my **oily** skin.

Purply - Being slightly purple or having a purple hue

- Coca-Cola's new cans have a **purply**, blackish color that catches your attention.

Raggedy - (For clothes) Torn, ripped, or ragged. (Like rags)

- His **raggedy** clothes made him look like a common beggar.

Ratty - In poor condition or repair

- Is it possible to recycle my **ratty** old clothes?

Rocky - Having lots of rocks, being full of rocks

- There is a long stretch of beach but it's quite **rocky** so you should wear running shoes.

Shady - (Of an area) Being protected from the sun

- Let's set up our picnic in that **shady** spot near the big trees.

(Of a person) Not trustworthy

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- Watch what you say around Donovan. He always comes off a bit **shady**. I don't trust that guy.

Shiny - Having a shine

- Vanessa has flawless skin and beautiful long **shiny** hair. What's her secret?

Soapy - Like soap, covered in soap, or full of soap

- The sink was full of **soapy** water.

Sporty - Fond of sports

- She is kind of **sporty**, I like that in a girl.

Or suitable for sports

- She was wearing a **sporty** tennis outfit.

Spotty - Having spots Or of inconsistent quality

- I couldn't get a credit card due to my **spotty** credit history.

Stinky - Smelling bad

- This milk is really **stinky**. When did you buy it?

Wavy - Having wave-like shapes on its border or surface; waved

- Vanessa has flawless skin and beautiful long **wavy** hair. What's her secret?

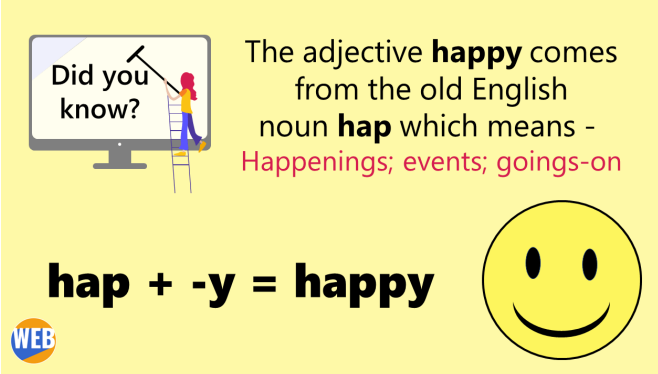
Witty - Full of wit; Clever and having a sharp mind; Funny

- Gary is really **witty**. I like talking to him.

Did you know?

The adjective **happy** comes from the old English noun **hap** which means - Happenings; events; goings-on. It was used to mean luck, chance, or fortune.

hap + -y = happy <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/hap#English>



The infographic features a yellow background. On the left, a computer monitor displays 'Did you know?' with a red figure climbing a ladder to point at the text. To the right, text explains the etymology of 'happy' from the Old English noun 'hap'. At the bottom, the formula 'hap + -y = happy' is shown next to a yellow smiley face icon and a 'WEB' logo.

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Adjectives of Weather with the suffix -y

Cloudy - Covered with clouds

- It was **cloudy** so we decided to go to the movies instead of the beach.

OR Not transparent or clear

- The water was **cloudy** and not safe to drink.

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Windy - Lots of wind

- Windsurfers love it when it's warm and **windy**.

Rainy - Having rain

- Tomorrow will be **rainy** so make sure you take your umbrella.

Snowy - Covered with snow

- The **snowy** fields are beautiful. They are my favorite things in winter.

Stormy - Relating to storms or storm conditions

- My Dad was in the navy so he has lots of experience with **stormy** seas.

Sunny - With a lot of bright light from the sun

- Tomorrow will be **sunny**, let's go to the beach tomorrow.



Adjectives of Taste/Flavor with the suffix -y

Tangy - Having a sharp, pungent flavor

- I prefer a **tangy** cheese to mild.

Tasty - Having a pleasant or satisfying flavor; delicious

- The meal was very **tasty** and not too expensive. We should go back to that restaurant soon.

Salty - Having salt; tasting of salt

- I crave **salty** foods like potato chips when it's hot outside.

Peppery - Having a pepper flavor; A little spicy

- I added some **peppery** basil to the pasta. Did you notice the flavor?

Savory - Having a pleasant taste or smell; Tasting of salt

- Are you in the mood for something **savory** or something sweet?

Spicy - Of, or containing spice

- I love **spicy** chicken wings. The hotter the better!

Vinegary - Sour; like vinegar

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- I made this salad dressing myself but it's a bit too **vinegary**. I will use less vinegar the next time.

Yummy - A childish or lighthearted way to say delicious

- Ice cream is **yummy**! (I totally agree!)

Zesty - Having a piquant or pungent taste; spicy

- **Zesty** comes from the noun zest, which is made from scraping the outside peel of citrus fruits like orange, lemon, and lime. It can also describe food that is a little spicy or has some extra flavor.

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Having the taste of a particular food or ingredient

Chocolaty - Containing chocolate or having the taste of chocolate

- I have a recipe book with nothing but **chocolaty** drinks and desserts.
(Desert Vs Dessert LINK)

Lemony - Resembling or characteristic of lemons, especially in terms of aroma, taste or color

- This room smells very **lemony**.

Sugary - Of food, drink, etc, containing or covered with a large amount of sugar

- When I was a kid I ate lots of **sugary** cereal for breakfast.

Nouns with the suffix -y

We learned at the top of this post that the verb inquire becomes the noun inquiry by adding the suffix -y.

The suffix -y can be used to make abstract nouns of state, condition, or quality.

modest + -y → [modesty](#)

honest + -y → [honesty](#)

difficult + -y → [difficulty](#)



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