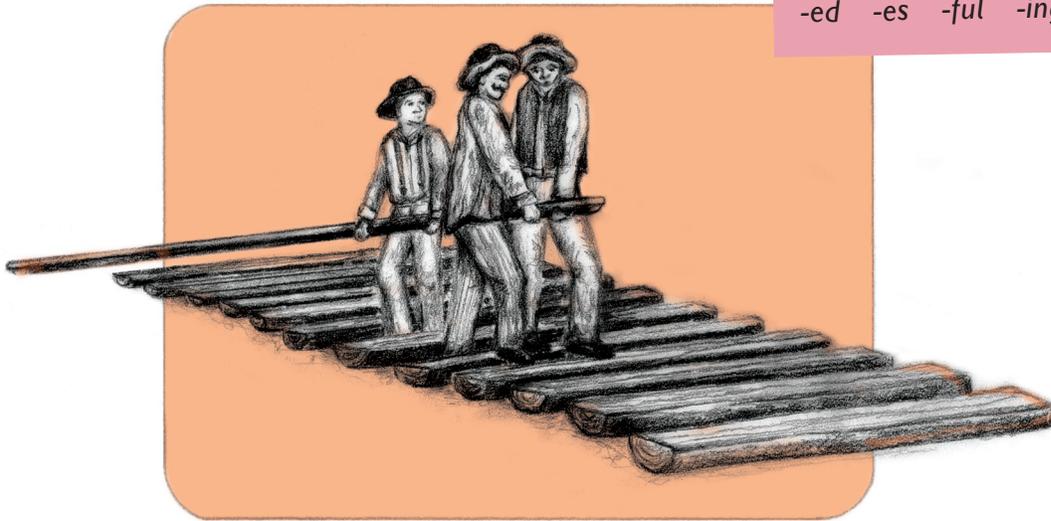


1. Read the story to your student.
2. Read it together slowly. Have the student look carefully at each word as you read.
3. Mark Tricky y Guy in green, endings in pink or red, and silent letters in orange.

Twenty thousand men spent six years building a railroad. Some started in Iowa and headed west. Others started in California and worked east. By 1869 the last spike was finally pounded into place. The East and West were linked. After that, many more railroads were built. The railroads joined every part of the country. The folk song “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad” became very popular.

**Endings**

-ed -es -ful -ing -ly

1. Read the passage aloud to your instructor.
2. Find and mark vowel chunks (yellow), consonant chunks (blue), Bossy r chunks (purple), Tricky y Guy (green), endings (pink or red), and silent letters (orange).

Vowel Chunks

aa ae ai ao au aw ay
ea ee ei eo eu ew ey eau
ia ie ii io iu
oa oe oi oo ou ow oy
ua ue ui uo uu uy

Consonant Chunks

ch gh sh ph th wh
wr gn kn dg qu ck
tch bb cc dd ff gg
hh kk ll mm nn pp
rr ss tt ww vv zz

Bossy r

ar
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Endings

-ed
-es
-ful
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Most buildings are made from many pieces. Can you imagine a building made from just one block of stone? If you travel to Lalibela in Ethiopia, you will see some very old churches. They are carved out of solid rock. Some of them were hewn into the side of a mountain. Others were made by cutting straight down into the rock from the top of a hill. First the outside of the building was cut from the rock. Then the inside was hollowed out. Windows and decorations were also carved. The buildings are about 900 years old. They are still used today.

