**endsLy**

public boolean endsLy(String str) {

int length = str.length();

if (length < 2) {

return false; // if we get here, immediately return; no code below executes

}

String lastTwo = str.substring(length - 2); // get last two characters

if (lastTwo.equals("ly")) {

return true;

} else {

return false;

}

}

**conCat**

public String conCat(String a, String b) {

if (a.length() == 0) {

return b;

}

if (b.length() == 0) {

return a;

}

String lastLetterA = a.substring(a.length() - 1);

String firstLetterB = b.substring(0, 1);

if (lastLetterA.equals(firstLetterB)) {

String bWithoutFirstLetter = b.substring(1);

return a + bWithoutFirstLetter;

} else {

return a + b;

}

}