

Y5 Verb Suffixes

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1. Worked example

Turn the adjective 'sharp' into a verb

Step 1 · What does the verb need to mean?

to make sharp

Step 2 · Try the suffixes: sharpate? sharpify? sharpen?

sharpen sounds right

Answer: sharpen: 'Please sharpen your pencil.'

Check: -en often means 'to make': brighten, darken, soften.

2. Now try one with the steps

Turn the noun 'apology' into a verb

Step 1 · The ending is -ise

Step 2 · Drop the y

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Turn into a verb using -en: bright

2. Turn into a verb using -en: dark

3. Turn into a verb using -ise: real

4. Turn into a verb using -ify: class

5. Turn into a verb using -ate: active

6. Turn into a verb using -ify: pure

7. Turn into a verb using -ise: apology

8. Turn into a verb using -ify: simple

9. Which suffix makes a verb from 'length'?

10. Which suffix makes a verb from 'motive'?

11. Write the verb in this sentence: 'Volcanoes can terrify people who live nearby.'

12. Rewrite with one verb: 'We need to make the road wider.'

13. Rewrite with one verb: 'The teacher made the instructions simpler.'

14. What do the suffixes -ate, -ise, -ify and -en have in common?

4. Before you hand it in

activate, pureify

Drop the e: activate, purify.

simplify, apologise

simple → simplify; apology → apologise.

'widify', 'shortise'

Say it aloud and check a dictionary: widen, shorten.

Using 'make + adjective' every time: 'make it clearer, make it shorter'

Use a single verb: clarify, shorten.