Verb Formation

Worksheet 1: -en, -ify, -ise

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: Endings That Make Verbs

We make verbs from adjectives and nouns with these endings: **-en** (*wide → widen*), **-ify** (*simple → simplify*), and **-ise/-ize** (*modern → modernise*). They usually mean "make" or "become". British English often uses *-ise*; American English uses *-ize*.

Suffix	Example	Meaning
-en	short → shorten	make shorter
-ify	simple → simplify	make simple
-ify	pure → purify	make pure
-ise / -ize	modern → modernise	make modern
-ise / -ize	special → specialise	become special in

Part A – Make the Verb

1. simple → _____
2. modern → _____
3. pure → _____
4. wide → _____
5. strong → _____

Part B – Complete the Sentence

1. Can you _____ this? It's too complicated. (simple)
2. The city wants to _____ its old buses. (modern)
3. This filter will _____ the water. (pure)
4. Exercise can _____ your muscles. (strong)

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Prefixes of Meaning

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Reference: Prefixes Add to the Action

Verb prefixes change the meaning: **re-** (again), **un-/dis-** (opposite), **over-** (too much), **under-** (too little), **mis-** (wrongly). The verb keeps its form.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
re-	again	rebuild, rewrite
un- / dis-	opposite	undo, disappear
over-	too much	overcook, oversleep
under-	too little	undercook, underpay
mis-	wrongly	misunderstand, misspell

Part A – Add the Prefix

1. ____ cook (too much) → _____
2. ____ understand (wrongly) → _____
3. ____ build (again) → _____
4. ____ sleep (too much) → _____
5. ____ spell (wrongly) → _____

Part B – Complete the Sentence

1. Sorry, I _____ your name. (spell wrongly)
2. I _____ and missed the bus. (sleep too much)
3. They will _____ the old bridge. (build again)
4. Don't _____ the pasta or it will be soft. (cook too much)

Part C – Choose the Right Prefix

#	Base + meaning	Verb
1	pay + too little	
2	read + again	
3	place + wrongly	
4	appear + opposite	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Word Families

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: One Root, Many Words

A word family has a noun, a verb, an adjective, and sometimes an adverb. Knowing the **verb** in a family helps you build sentences. Watch spelling changes: *decision → decide*, *strength → strengthen*.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
decision	decide	decided / decisive
strength	strengthen	strong
beauty	beautify	beautiful
choice	choose	chosen
organisation	organise	organised

Part A – Write the Verb

#	Noun / adjective	Verb
1	decision	
2	strength	
3	organisation	
4	beauty	
5	classification	

Part B – Complete with the Verb

1. We need to _____ the party for Saturday. (organisation)
2. Please _____ now; we don't have time. (decision)
3. Exercise will _____ your body. (strength)
4. They planted flowers to _____ the garden. (beauty)

Part C – Verb or Noun?

Write the correct form for the sentence.

1. It was a hard _____. (decide — noun)
2. I can't _____. (decide — verb)
3. She works for a big _____. (organise — noun)
4. Let's _____ the books. (organise — verb)

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Editing & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Part A – Edit the Paragraph

This text has **six** verb-formation errors (wrong suffix, wrong prefix, or wrong word-family form). Underline and correct them.

> Last month our school decided to modern the computer room. First, they had to strong the internet and simple the login system. Some students mis-understood the new rules and had to redo their passwords. One teacher over-sleeped on the first day! By the end, the new system beautified the room and made work easier. I don't dislike-re change, but it took time to get used to it.

#	Error	Correction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Part B – Writing

Write 80–100 words about a change at your school, home, or town. Use at least **two suffix verbs** (-en/-ify/-ise), **two prefix verbs** (re-/over-/mis-/un-), and one **word-family verb**. Underline each verb you form.

#	Line
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

Suffix: _____ / 2 Prefix: _____ / 2 Family: _____ / 1 Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 simplify · 2 modernise · 3 purify · 4 widen · 5 strengthen

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 simplify · 2 modernise · 3 purify · 4 strengthen

Accept -ize spellings (modernize) — note the BrE/AmE difference explicitly.

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 overcook · 2 misunderstand · 3 rebuild · 4 oversleep · 5 misspell

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 misspelt/misspelled · 2 overslept · 3 rebuild · 4 overcook

Worksheet 2 – Part C

underpay · reread · misplace · disappear

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 decide · 2 strengthen · 3 organise · 4 beautify · 5 classify

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 organise · 2 decide · 3 strengthen · 4 beautify

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 decision · 2 decide · 3 organisation · 4 organise

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 modernise · 2 strengthen · 3 simplify · 4 misunderstood · 5 overslept · 6 dislike (drop the stray -re)

Worksheet 4 – Part B: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Suffix verbs	-en/-ify/-ise correct	0–4
Prefix verbs	re-/over-/mis-/un- correct	0–4
Word-family verb	Correct form from noun/adjective	0–3
Task & length	80–100 words; coherent	0–4