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# WORKSHEET

# WORD FORMATION – VERBS

We can form verbs from **nouns** or **adjectives** by adding suffixes such as “-en”; “-ify”; “-ise/ -ize (American English)”:

| -en | -ify | -ise/-ize |
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| **to broaden** | **to beautify** | **to advertise** |
| **to darken** | **to clarify** | **to advise** |
| **to freshen** | **to identify** | **to apologise** |
| **to harden** | **to justify** | **to criminalise** |
| **to lengthen** | **to purify** | **to organise** |
| **to ripen** | **to specify** | **to prioritise** |
| **to shorten** | **to terrify** | **to revise** |
| **to tighten** | **to unify** | **to specialise** |
| **to widen** | **to versify** | **to televise** |

**Exercise:**

Write the correct form of the word in brackets to complete these sentences. Take into account the fact that verbs can have different forms (e.g. widen, widens, widening, widened)

1. I don’t understand the rubric. Can you …….it for me? (CLEAR)
2. I think this street is too narrow. I think it should be ……. . (WIDTH)
3. Michael always thinks he is right. He has never ……. for his errors. (APOLOGY)
4. Her speech was extremely long. She should have ……. it. (SHORT)
5. Living in a different country really does ……. your horizons. (BROAD)
6. Where can I ……. for a used car? (ADVERT)
7. My exam is next week, so I have to ……. everything one more time. (REVISION)
8. The quinces finished ……. on the windowsill. (RIPE)
9. She was ……. at the thought of being alone. (TERROR)
10. If you want to be successful in life, you have to learn how to ……. your goals. (PRIORITY)

KEY:

1. CLEARIFY
2. WIDEN
3. APOLOGISED
4. SHORTENED
5. BROADEN
6. ADVERTISE
7. REVISE
8. RIPENING
9. TERRIFIED
10. PRIORITISE