

# Creating Verbs Using Suffixes -ify, -ate, -ise and -en

## Warm-up



# Which Suffix: -ate or -ise?

Can you match the following nouns or adjectives with the correct suffix to make a verb? Sometimes the spelling of the root word needs to be changed.

-ate

medicate

pollinate

elasticate

-ise

equalise

advertise

fertilise

captivate

motivate

alienate

terrorise

finalise

vandalise

equal

advert

fertile

medical

pollen

elastic

captive

motive

alien

terror

final

vandal



**Extension:** Could you use one of these verbs in a sentence with parenthesis?

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# Spelling Rules (-ate)

When we add suffixes, spelling rules usually apply. Can you remember what you need to do for each of the following examples?



captive + ate = **captivate** (remove the 'e' before adding -ate)

medical + ate = **medicate** (remove the -al before adding -ate)

motive + ate = **motivate** (remove the 'e' before adding -ate)

elastic + ate = **elasticate** (just add -ate)

alien + ate = **alienate** (just add -ate)

pollen + ate = **pollinate** (change the 'e' to an 'i' before adding -ate)\*

\* 'pollinate' is an exception to the usual rule.

Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.

# Spelling Rules (-ise)

When we add suffixes, spelling rules usually apply. Can you remember what you need to do for each of the following examples?

advert + ise = **advertise** (just add -ise)

final + ise = **finalise** (just add -ise)

equal + ise = **equalise** (just add -ise)

fertile + ise = **fertilise** (remove the 'e' before adding -ise)

vandal + ise = **vandalise** (just add -ise)

terror + ise = **terrorise** (just add -ise)



Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.

# Which Suffix: -ify or -en?

Can you match the following nouns or adjectives with the correct suffix to make a verb? Sometimes the spelling of the root word needs to be changed.

-ify

horrify

solidify

testify

purify

intensify

notify

-en

flatten

mistaken

brighten

lengthen

shorten

thicken

horror

solid

test

flat

pure

mistake

bright

length

intense

note

short

thick



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# Spelling Rules (-ify)

When we add suffixes, spelling rules usually apply. Can you remember what you need to do for each of the following examples?

solid + ify = **solidify** (just add -ify)

horror + ify = **horrify** (remove 'or' before adding -ify)

note + ify = **notify** (remove the 'e' before adding -ify)

pure + ify = **purify** (remove the 'e' before adding -ify)

test + ify = **testify** (just add -ify)

intense + ify = **intensify** (remove the 'e' before adding -ify)

Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.

# Spelling Rules (-en)

When we add suffixes, spelling rules usually apply. Can you remember what you need to do for each of the following examples?



flat + en = **flatten** (double the final 't' (because the word 'flat' has only one syllable) before adding -en)

bright + en = **brighten** (just add -en)

length + en = **lengthen** (just add -en)

short + en = **shorten** (just add -en)

thick + en = **thicken** (just add -en)

mistake + en = **mistaken** (remove the 'e' before adding -en)

Click the word and suffix to reveal the answer.

# Sort the Suffixes

Can you sort these words according to the suffix they should have?

-ate	-ify	-ise	-en
validate	falsify	criticise	straighten
activate	glorify	visualise	toughen
hyphenate	signify	capitalise	tighten

critic

valid

active

false

visual

capital

straight

tough

tight

hyphen

glory

sign



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# Spelling Rules (-ise)

Read the following text and identify the verbs with the incorrect suffix. Can you decide which suffix they should have instead?

Despite knowing that the wheel nut needed a **tighten**, Harry went out to play with his friends on his bike. He was so keen to be able to join in and **socialise** that he put his own safety at risk.

After a short time, Harry felt the wheel begin to **loosen** but couldn't bare to **shorten** his time with his friends. Unfortunately, disaster struck when the wheel came completely loose and fell off. Luckily, one of his friends had a mobile phone so they were able to **communicate** with Harry's mother who came to collect him.

Harry was lucky that he did not need to be **hospitalised** but he was bruised and in pain for a few days. He **realised** that, in the future, he should always put his safety first.



# Spelling Rules (-ise)

Spin the wheel to select a verb made using -ate, -ise, -ify or -en to use in your sentence.

Choose a picture to write an interesting sentence about using the verb that you have selected.



Spin



Share your ideas with your partner and compare your sentences.

# Quick Quiz 1

Read the following sentences and decide which suffix is needed to change the underlined noun or adjective into a verb:

1. My cats always terror the nesting birds.

terrorise    terrorate    terroren    terrorify



2. You must straight your tie before coming into the classroom.

straightise    straightify    straighten    straightate



# Quick Quiz 1

3. I often find it hard to motive myself to complete my homework.

motify      motivise      motivate      motive



4. After a hot day, I had to put my chocolate in the fridge to solid again.

soliden      solidify      solidise      solidate



# Quick Quiz 2

Make the following nouns and adjectives into verbs by adding one of the suffixes -ate, -ise, -ify or -en.

Computer + **ise** = **computerise**

Vaccine + **ate** = **vaccinate**

Value + **ate** = **valueate**

Clear + **ify** = **clarify**

Apology + **ise** = **apologise**

Mad + **en** = **madden**

