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Converting nouns or adjectives to verbs

You can change nouns and adjectives into verbs by adding the suffixes **-ate**, **-ise**, **-en** and **-ify**.

Here are some examples: **author** becomes **author****ise**

assassin becomes **assassin****ate**

dark becomes **dark****en**

class becomes **class****ify**

Remember: The usual spelling rules apply for words ending in '**y**' (change to '**i**' before adding the ending), words ending in '**e**' (remove the '**e**' before adding the ending) and words ending with a short vowel sound (double the consonant before adding the ending).

Sort these words into the right boxes (note: some words may fit into more than one box):

**advert   captive   pure   computer   fright   equal   personal   active   author
real   glory   hard   scandal   intense   light   liquid   hospital   false   sad
pressure   motive   terror   simple   straight   note   central   material   legal**

-ate	-ise	-en	-ify

! **Challenge:** Add some words of your own to each list.

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Prepositions: classification

Prepositions can be grouped into different types. Some words (such as **in**, **on**, **at**) can be classed as more than one type of preposition, but their classification depends on the rest of the sentence:

Time: **in** the morning, **at** the end of the day

Place: **on** the table, **under** the window

Direction: **to** the doctor's, **towards** the edge

Agent/device (eg who or how):   **by** myself, **with** enthusiasm

Sort these prepositions into the correct type. Remember, some prepositions belong to more than one type:

above   beside   upon   following   inside   opposite   toward   under   in without   through   near   on   since   after   by   at   beneath   against   with until   except   off   during   about   beyond   from   into   between   as   along behind   past   up

time	place	direction	agent/device

Choose correct prepositions to complete these sentences:

1. I usually travel _____ work _____ train.

2. Alex asked if he could play _____ his X-Box _____ the living room.

3. Dr Who travels _____ time _____ his Tardis.

4. _____ the afternoon, we are going shopping _____ my gran.

5. Romeo and Juliet was written _____ Shakespeare _____ the 1590s.

6. I will go to the park _____ my friends _____ dinner.

7. _____ the rain, the sun came _____ and we saw a rainbow.

8. Once _____ a time, a beautiful princess was trapped _____ a tower.

! **Challenge:** Add some more prepositions to each type.

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Spelling patterns 1

Words ending in -sure or -ture

The easiest way to remember these is to listen to the sound in the word.

If the sound is more like '**sh**', then it is usually spelled **-sure**:

   eg **mea**sure (sounds like meh-**sh**uh)

If the sound is more like '**ch**', then it is usually spelled **-ture**:

   eg **crea**ture (sounds like cree-**ch**uh)

However: If the root word ends with '**ch**' or '**tch**', then the ending will be spelled **-er**:

   eg **teach** becomes **teacher**   **stretch** becomes **stretcher**

See how many more words you can find that have the **-sure** and **-ture** endings:

Words ending in -sure	Words ending in -ture
measure pleasure	creature feature

Challenge: Choose four words from each group and put them into sentences.

Spelling patterns 2

Words ending in -tion, -sion, -ssion and -cian

The best way to sort out which spelling to use is by looking at the root word.

The most commonly used spelling is **-tion**. This is used for root words that end in '**t**' or '**te**':

  eg **act** becomes **action**   **medicate** becomes **medication**

Words will end in **-sion** if the root word ends in '**d**' or '**se**':

  eg **expand** becomes **expansion**   **tense** becomes **tension**

Words will end in **-ssion** if the root word ends in '**ss**' or '**mit**':

  eg **express** becomes **expression**   **permit** becomes **permission**

Words will end in **-cian** if the root word ends in '**c**' or '**cs**' (this ending is used mainly for people's jobs):

  eg **music** becomes **musician**   **politics** becomes **politician**

Try writing these words with the correct ending - one has been done for you:

construct elect revise hesitate confuse transmit magic erode affect permit decide optic corrode discuss divide hesitate suspend admit exclude obsess mathematics calculate object physics explode conclude inject

-tion	-sion		-ssion	-cian
decorate				

⚠️ **Challenge:** Add some new words of your own for each ending.