

## 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 **authorise**

**motive** becomes **motivate**

**dark** becomes **darken**

**class** becomes **classify**

	example original word	making verbs
<b>-ise</b>	terror	terror <b>ise</b>
<b>-en</b>	sharp	wid <b>en</b>
<b>-ate</b>	hyphen	hyphen <b>ate</b>
<b>-ify</b>	simple	simpl <b>ify</b>

**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).

