

## Vocabulary builder

### Verbs of change

#### 1 Choose the correct verbs of change in these sentences.

- 1 We live in a *converted* / *transformed* farmhouse. It's very modern now.
- 2 The book has been *turned* / *translated* into 40 languages.
- 3 The city centre has been completely *transformed* / *refurbished*.
- 4 The film paints a *blurred* / *distorted* picture of life in the US in the 1950s.
- 5 The two motorways *blend* / *merge* into one at the next junction.
- 6 Unfortunately, the problem of acid rain has *deteriorated* / *impaired* in recent years.
- 7 It is not easy to *amend* / *adjust* to life in a new country.
- 8 The hotel has *renovated* / *enhanced* all the rooms on the top floor.
- 9 Their parents *immigrated* / *emigrated* to Canada before they were born.
- 10 I asked to be *removed* / *transferred* to another office.
- 11 The situation is tense, and we don't want it to *escalate* / *heighten*.
- 12 The species that manages to *adapt* / *acclimatize* to the situation best is normally the one that survives longest.

#### 2 Use your dictionary to find expressions with the verbs that were not the answers in Exercise 1.

#### 3 Circle the odd one out in each list.

- 1 **change size:** enlarge / grow / expand / remove
- 2 **change place:** rise / relocate / transform / soar
- 3 **change appearance:** dye / rejuvenate / modify / reinforce
- 4 **change condition:** disguise / damage / worsen / ruin
- 5 **change speed:** accelerate / embellish / rocket / rein in

#### 4 How many different possibilities can you think of for completing these sentences logically using verbs from Exercise 3?

- 1 The rain ..... the occasion.
- 2 The company ..... very quickly.
- 3 I felt ..... after the holiday.
- 4 We decided to ..... our spending.
- 5 The news could ..... their reputation.
- 6 Experiences like that can ..... a person's future.
- 7 Prices have ..... since the beginning of the year.
- 8 You shouldn't try to ..... the truth.

#### 5 Look back at the ten texts on pages 70–71 and find examples of verbs of change.

Most texts are to some extent about change – they talk about what has happened, is happening or may yet happen, or why these things might not or should not happen. For example, when we bring our friends and colleagues up to date in communication, whether written or spoken, we are normally informing them about some aspect of change since we last met.

Furthermore, when we communicate, we intend to add to what the listener or reader knows about a topic in some way; in other words, we hope we are changing their opinion or stock of knowledge. Consequently, you can say that most communication is concerned directly or indirectly with the topic of change.

So, when reading a text, it is a good idea to pay attention to expressions of change, as these are often key points in the overall meaning of the text.

Verbs don't generally occur on their own. Learn how verbs combine with other words.

Common patterns to pay attention to are:

- verb + noun: *solve a problem, make a complaint, knock down a building, develop the city centre*
- verb + adverb: *move quickly, read aloud, change rapidly*
- verb + preposition: *turn into, pay back, drive along, rely on*
- verb + adjective: *remain calm, turn black, go cold, grow old, sound nice*

You'll find good dictionaries provide a lot of information about such verb patterns. Keep a note of the verb patterns you notice. When reading, pay attention to what the verb combines with in each sentence.

## Processes

### 6 Complete the missing information in this table.

verb	process noun	adjective	related noun(s)
mechanize	mechanization	mechanical	mechanic
purify	1 .....	pure	purity
2 .....	colonization	colonial	colony
classify	classification	3 .....	class
magnify	magnification	magnified	magnitude
4 .....	justification	5 .....	
homogenize	homogenization	6 .....	homogeneity
7 .....	hospitalization	hospitalized	hospital
minimize	minimization	minimal	8 .....
clarify	9 .....	clarified	clarity
automate	automation	10 .....	automaton
simplify	simplification	simplified	11 .....
12 .....	computerization	13 .....	computer

### 7 Complete these sentences using words from the table in Exercise 6.

- 1 The process of ..... removes impurities from liquids such as milk.
- 2 Most office procedures have been ..... – so when the computers crash, we have a problem.
- 3 There is little ..... for behaving in that unprofessional manner.
- 4 This diagram was produced in order to ..... the relationship between the different sections.
- 5 The garden was invaded by a ..... of ants.
- 6 The teacher gave the elementary students a ..... version of the book to read.
- 7 This product resists ..... as it really is unique.
- 8 The problem can be solved with ..... effort.