

UNIT 10 Verbs



These words are all in the same word **family**.

Some **verbs** are formed from **nouns** and **adjectives** by adding the **suffixes**:

ate en ify ise

noun	+ ate = verb
medicine	medicate
captive	captivate



abstract noun	+ en = verb	adjective	+ en = verb
fright	frighten	sharp	sharpen
strength	strengthen	flat	flatten

abstract noun	ify = verb	adjective	+ ify = verb
horror	horrify	pure	purify
beauty	beautify	simple	simplify

noun	+ ise = verb	adjective	+ ify = verb
computer	computerise	equal	equalise
pedestrian	pedestrianise	fertile	fertilise



Focus

Find the *verb* in each sentence.

Say whether it is formed from a *noun* or an *adjective*.

- 1 The moon brightened the cloudy sky.
- 2 We shall fertilise the crops.
- 3 Europeans colonised America.
- 4 Parents were notified about the school closure.
- 5 The cement will harden in a few hours.

