



Word Formation Interactive Worksheet **Answers**

Fill in this worksheet at the same time as watching the video on word formation in English. Use the answer guide to check your answers.

EXERCISE A

What is word formation?

The way words are used in English and how root words are altered to change the part of speech.

EXERCISE B

What is a prefix? Provide an example.

Extra letters at the beginning of the root word. E.g. comfortable → uncomfortable.

EXERCISE C

What is a suffix? Provide an example.

Extra letters at the end of the root word. E.g. act → actor.

EXERCISE D

What is back formation? Provide an example.

When a word is reduced, typically by removing the prefix or suffix. E.g. Teacher → teach.

EXERCISE E

What is conversion? Provide an example.

When the word remains the same but the function changes. I sent her a text / Can you text her?

EXERCISE F

What are compound words?

When two words are combined to create a new one. You have compound nouns, adjectives and verbs.

EXERCISE G

What are blended words? Provide an example.

When two individual words are mixed together to create one new word. E.g. breakfast + lunch → brunch

EXERCISE H

What are abbreviations? Provide an example.

Short versions of words. E.g. centimetre → cm

EXERCISE I

What are loanwords? Provide an example.

Words not originally from the English language but “borrowed” from another. E.g. café, kindergarten, patio.