

WORDBUILDING

How to turn adjectives into verbs? Adding -en.

-en combined with adjectives forms verbs.

black → blacken
hard → harden
deep → deepen
short → shorten

EXCEPTIONS!
High Heighten
Long Lengthen
Strong Strengthen

What's the OPPOSITE of... ? soft weak

bright loose white short

Black	Broad	Cheap	Dark	Deaf	Deep	Fat
Fast	Flat	Fresh	Less	Light	Moist	Quick
Quiet	Red	Sad	Sharp	Sick	Soft	Stiff
Straight	Sweet	Thick	Tight	Tough	Wide	Worse

Re-write these sentences. Use a verb ending in -en to replace the words in **BOLD**.

I have to **make** this knife **sharper**.

I have to _____

Make the scope of the search **broader**.

My hair is too curly. I have _____

My hair is too curly. I have _____

The sky is **becoming darker** rapidly. Let's leave.

The sky _____ rapidly. Let's go.

Australia will **make** the restrictions **tougher**.

Australia will _____

They can **make** the load of student loans **lighter**.

They can _____

Eating chocolate can **make** your life **sweeter**.

Eating chocolate can _____

How to **make** your profits **fatter**.

How to _____

The situation in our country has **become worse**.

The situation in our country has _____

Make sure you don't **make** the wall **blacker**.

Make sure you don't _____

Wait for the T-bills to **become cheaper**.

Wait for the T-bills to _____

That **made** the fiscal blow **softer**.

That _____

Her cheeks **became redder**.

Her cheeks _____

How to **make** climate change impact **less**.

How to _____

Fill in these sentences using verbs coming from these adjectives.

deaf	tight
fresh	deep
flat	sick
fast	quiet
moist	sad
stiff	thick
quick	wide

That sound is too loud. It will _____ you.

Sweden plans to _____ requirements for obtaining citizenship.

That will take too long. Here are 5 investments to _____ the pace towards gender parity and economic growth.

Budget-friendly ways to _____ up your wardrobes!

Modi and Biden pledge to _____ India-US partnership as world leaders meet in G20 summit.

Prince Harry _____ ed his anxiety with medication.

Job Cuts: The bank announced a restructuring plan to _____ the structure.

Rescued: Sea lions _____ by toxic algae in the ocean.

The police will _____ the search for the missing girl.

3 tips to _____ my dry lips!

The death of a store employee _____ the local residents.

Law to _____ penalties for people caught distributing hate speech flyers.

Add some flour to _____ up the mixture.