

Explore Word Forms

By exploring different word forms, you can develop your vocabulary and add a level of variety to your writing. A good dictionary will give you these forms with sentence examples. Take the noun “organisation,” for instance. It can be expressed in the following different ways:

Noun	organisation	I work for a wonderful organisation .
Verb	to organise	She organised an excellent conference.
Adjective (describes a noun)	organised, organisational	Organised crime is prolific in some areas. It was an organisational nightmare!
Adverb (describes a verb)	organisationally	Their department is organisationally challenged.

You can just google “word formation exercises” to find free resources. Here are two to get you started:

- ESL Lounge Student. (2001–2020). *C1 Advanced – word formation*. Esllounge.com.
<https://www.esl-lounge.com/student/advanced-word-formation.php>
- The Academic Word List (Coxhead, 200, as cited in Turner et al., 2019, pp. 22–23)
www.academicvocabularyexercises.com

References

Turner, K., Ireland, L., Krenus, B., & Pointon, L. (2019). *Essential academic skills*.
Oxford University Press.