



WORD BUILDING: COMMON VERBS

English Language
Intermediate (KS3/4)

Learning outcomes: Students build vocabulary by manipulating common verbs into various word forms.

Activity Instructions



- Print a copy of Word Building: Common Verbs (pages 3 and 4) for each student.
- Review vocabulary with students on different word and verb forms.
- Model an example of one of the verb maps on the board.
- Ask students to complete the worksheet, either working individually or in pairs.
- If working independently, students can see how much they complete by themselves, then working with a partner, then using a dictionary until they have completed the maps.
- Review answers (page 2) as a class. Students may have different answers for synonyms, adjectives etc - collate these as a class.
- **Note:** make students aware that here past simple and past participle verbs are all identical on these common regular verbs. If extending the activity to other verbs, students will find differences, e.g. 'see' - saw, seen.

Materials required:

- Word Building: Common Verbs (pages 3 and 4)

Tip!

Get students to make their own verb maps for homework.



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Suggested answers:

Like

present participle: liking, *past simple:* liked, *past participle:* liked, *synonym:* love, *antonym:* dislike, *adjective:* likeable, *noun:* like, *adverb:* likely

Agree

present participle: agreeing, *past simple:* agreed, *past participle:* agreed, *antonym:* disagree, *adjective:* agreeable, *noun:* agreement, *adverb:* agreeably

Hope

present participle: hoping, *past simple:* hoped, *past participle:* hoped, *synonym:* wish, *adjective:* hopeful, *noun:* hope, *adverb:* hopefully

Believe

present participle: believing, *past simple:* believed, *past participle:* believed, *synonym:* think, *adjective:* believable, *antonym:* unbelievable, *noun:* belief, *adverb:* believably

Argue

present participle: arguing, *past simple:* argued, *past participle:* argued, *synonym:* dispute, *adjective:* argumentative, *noun:* argument, *adverb:* arguably

Help

present participle: helping, *past simple:* helped, *past participle:* helped, *synonym:* assist, *adjective:* helpful, *antonym:* unhelpful, *noun:* help, *adverb:* helpfully

Live

present participle: living, *past simple:* lived, *past participle:* lived, *synonym:* exist, *antonym:* die, *adjective:* liveable/live, *noun:* life, *adverb:* lively

Hate

present participle: hating, *past simple:* hated, *past participle:* hated, *synonym:* dislike, *antonym:* love, *adjective:* hateful, *noun:* hate/hatred, *adverb:* hatefully

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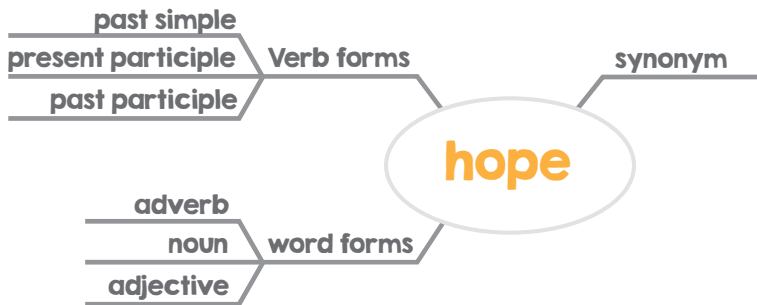
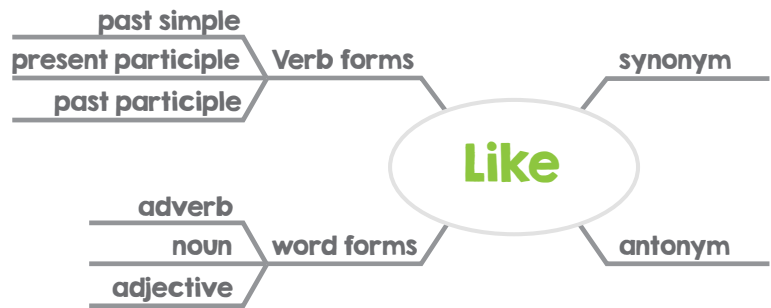
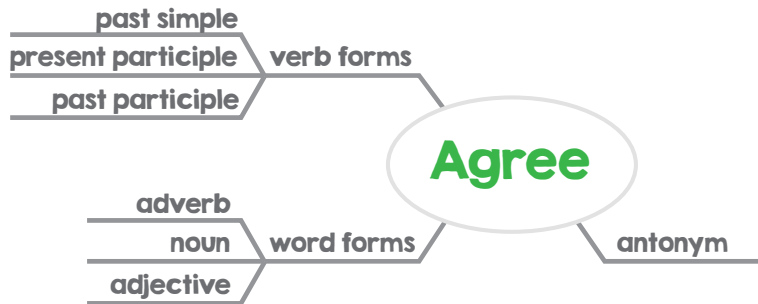
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