Mixed Word Formation

CEFR A1 · Word families across nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs

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Worksheet 1: Word Families

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: One Root, Different Words

Many words belong to a **family**: a noun, a verb, an adjective, and an adverb from the same root. If you know one, you can often build the others. Here are some common families.

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
help	help	helpful	—
teacher / teaching	teach	—	—
happiness	—	happy	happily
care	care	careful	carefully
sun	—	sunny	—

Part A – Complete the Family

#	Noun	Adjective	Adverb
1	care		
2	happiness		
3	luck		
4	cloud		—

Part B – Adjective or Adverb?

1. happy → adverb: _____
2. care → adjective: _____
3. quick → adverb: _____

Score: _____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Which Word?

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: The Right Word for the Job

Use a **noun** for a thing or person, a **verb** for an action, an **adjective** before a noun, and an **adverb** to describe a verb. The words around the gap tell you which one you need.

Word type	Where it goes	Example
Noun	after a/the, after an adjective	a **teacher**
Verb	after a subject (I/she) or to	She **helps**.
Adjective	before a noun / after be	a **happy** child
Adverb	after a verb (how?)	She sings **happily**.

Part A – Choose the Right Word

1. She is a _____ teacher. (help / helpful)
2. He works _____. (careful / carefully)
3. They are very _____. (happy / happily)
4. Can you _____ me? (help / helpful)
5. The children played _____. (happy / happily)

Part B – Noun, Verb, Adjective, or Adverb?

Write the type of the underlined word.

#	Sentence	Type
1	She is a good singer.	
2	He sings every day.	
3	It was a sunny day.	
4	She smiled happily.	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Build with Endings

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Add an Ending or Prefix

Add an ending to change the word: **-er** (person), **-ful** (full of), **-y** (like), **-ly** (how). Add **un-** for the opposite.

Ending / prefix	Makes	Example
-er	person noun	teach → teacher
-ful	adjective	help → helpful
-y	adjective	sun → sunny
-ly	adverb	quick → quickly
un-	opposite	happy → unhappy

Part A – Add -er, -ful, -y, or -ly

1. teach + er → _____
2. help + ful → _____
3. rain + y → _____
4. slow + ly → _____
5. sing + er → _____

Part B – Add un- for the Opposite

1. happy → _____
2. kind → _____
3. safe → _____

Part C – Complete the Sentence

1. My father is a _____. (teach)
2. It is a _____ day. (sun)
3. She walks very _____. (slow)
4. He felt _____. (happy → opposite)

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Gap-Fill & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Part A – Use the Right Form

Change the word in CAPITALS to fit the gap.

#	Sentence	Answer
1	My sister is a good _____ . (SING)	
2	It was a very _____ day. (SUN)	
3	Please drive _____ . (SLOW)	
4	He is always _____ to me. (HELP)	
5	She was _____ about the news. (HAPPY)	

Part B – Complete the Text

Make the correct word from the CAPITAL word.

My aunt is a _____ (TEACH). She is very _____ (HELP) and always speaks _____ (QUIET). On _____ (SUN) days we walk in the park. She drives _____ (CAREFUL) and never gets angry.

Part C – Writing

Write 5–6 sentences about a person you know. Use a noun, a verb, an adjective, and an adverb from the same families. Underline each word you build.

#	Your sentence
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

care → careful / carefully · happiness → happy / happily · luck → lucky / luckily · cloud → cloudy / —

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 happily · 2 careful · 3 quickly

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 helpful · 2 carefully · 3 happy · 4 help · 5 happily

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 noun · 2 verb · 3 adjective · 4 adverb

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 teacher · 2 helpful · 3 rainy · 4 slowly · 5 singer

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 unhappy · 2 unkind · 3 unsafe

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 teacher · 2 sunny · 3 slowly · 4 unhappy

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 singer · 2 sunny · 3 slowly · 4 helpful · 5 happy

Worksheet 4 – Part B

teacher · helpful · quietly · sunny · carefully

Worksheet 4 – Part C: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Word classes	Noun, verb, adj, adverb all used	0–4
Formation	Endings/prefixes correct	0–4
Right word for gap	Correct part of speech	0–3
Task & length	5–6 sentences; clear	0–4