

# Derivatives

A derivative is a word that comes from another word, usually with some slight change to its spelling or pronunciation. For example **conjuror** is a *derivative of conjure*.

**conjure** *verb* (conjures, conjuring, conjured)  
perform tricks that look like magic. **conjuror** *noun*

1 What is a **conjuror**? .....

2 Look up **report** *verb* and **reporter** *noun*.

What does a **reporter** do? .....

3 What do you call someone who does each of the following? Write your answers on a separate sheet.

**cycles**   **invents**   **grumbles**   **competes**   **corresponds**  
**represents**   **applies (for a job)**   **enters (a race)**

4 Tomorrow is expected to start [**fog**].

The headword **fog** does not fit the sentence above, but one of its derivatives does.

Which one?

5 Which derivative of the word in brackets is needed to correct each of the following sentences? (Use the dictionary to help you find the correct word and spelling.)

The weather did not spoil the [**magnificent**] of the occasion. ....

That is [**total**] the wrong [**explain**]. ....

The expedition came [**perilous**] close to disaster. ....

The event was of great [**history**] [**important**]. ....

There has been a sharp [**intensify**] of [**hostile**]. ....

New members have to attend an [**initiate**] ceremony. ....