

Verb Variations

Look up the verb **happen**. You will find four different forms of it: the headword and the three next to it.

happen *VERB* **happens, happening, happened**

1 Write a different form of the verb **happen** in each of the spaces in these sentences:

Anything could in the next five minutes.

It all the time.

Something awful has

What's now?

2 The regular way to make verb forms is just to add **-s**, **-ing**, and **-ed** to the headword. Complete this table of verbs:

happen	call	stay	work	contain	intend
happens					
happening					
happened					

3 The verbs in the next table are nearly regular, but adding **-s**, **-ing**, and **-ed** causes some changes to the spelling. Complete the table.

fade	stop	explode	plan	cry	compel
fades					
faded					
fading					

4 These next verbs are *irregular*. Complete the table and use the dictionary to check the spelling:

come	pay	run	weep	sleep	fight
comes					
coming					
came					

5 These are a mixture of regular and irregular verbs. Write their forms in the brackets.

benefit *VERB* (.....) **limit** *VERB* (.....)

bring *VERB* (.....) **manage** *VERB* (.....)

commit *VERB* (.....) **make** *VERB* (.....)