



FORM NEW VERBS

Possibilities for Forming New Verbs

Unrevised Text

First Attempts

Regular Past Tense Verb

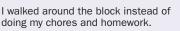


Revised Text

with New Verbs Formed

Infinitives

(revise VS to revise)





I decided to walk around the block instead of doing my chores and homework.

Participles

(-ing verbs)

Repetitious

I walk around the block.

I try to get out of doing my chores.

I try to get out of doing my homework.



I walk around the block, trying to get out of

doing my chores and homework.

Passive

(The action is being done by the subject.)

My homework was avoided by my walk around the block.



Active (The subject is doing the action.)

I avoided my homework with a walk around the block.

Forming New Verbs Revision Process

- · Underline any verbs.
- Think about the meaning of the sentence(s).
- Search for ways to connect related ideas with participles, active verbs, or infinitives.
- · See if you can try to compress repetition by changing at least one verb form.

Though verb form most often deals with tense, such as past, present, and future, here we know that would change the meaning significantly. Unless we need to shift text for style reasons, **we don't get tense about tense**. We only change tense to aid agreement in a piece of text.