

Learning Some Tricky Verbs Ending in “-ify”

Directions: The suffix *-ify* means “to make” and you will commonly find it forming the ending of transitive verbs (e.g., *purify*: to make pure; *solidify*: to make solid). Look the following *-ify* verbs up in the Visual Thesaurus, learn their definitions, and then write an original sentence for each verb by using the sentence frames below as your guide. See the example sentence below, written for the transitive verb *ratify*.

ratify: (transitive verb)

Visual Thesaurus definition: approve and express assent, responsibility, or obligation

sentence frame: ____ who? ____ **ratified** ____ what? ____

original sentence: *The union members **ratified** the contract..*

1. justify: (transitive verb)

Visual Thesaurus definition: _____

sentence frame: ____ who? ____ **justified** ____ what? ____ ____ to whom? ____

original sentence: _____

2. mollify: (transitive verb)

Visual Thesaurus definition: _____

sentence frame: ____ who? ____ **was mollified by** ____ what? ____

original sentence: _____

3. mortify: (transitive verb)

Visual Thesaurus definition: _____

sentence frame: ____ who? ____ **was mortified by** ____ what? ____

original sentence: _____

4. personify: (transitive verb)

Visual Thesaurus definition: _____

sentence frame: ____ what? ____ **is personified as** ____ what? ____

original sentence: _____

5. vilify: (transitive verb)

Visual Thesaurus definition: _____

sentence frame: ____ who? ____ **was vilified by** ____ whom? ____

original sentence: _____