

Interchange of one part of speech with another

The same word or the basic idea can exist in several different forms. For example, the word success is a noun. It has two other forms: successful (adjective), succeed (verb). By using different forms of the same word, we can express the same idea in several different ways.

Study the following sentence.

He succeeded in his attempt. (Succeeded – verb)

We can express this idea using the other two forms of success.

His attempt was met with success. (Success – noun)

His attempt was successful. (Successful – adjective)

If you know how to transform sentences like this, you will be able to add a great deal of variety to your writing.

More examples are given below.

Respect your parents and teachers.

We can transform this sentence using the different forms of the word respect.

Be respectful to your parents and teachers. (Respectful – adjective)

Show respect to your parents and teachers. (Respect – noun)

She works diligently. (Diligently – adverb)

She works with diligence. (Diligence – noun)

It is obvious that he hides something from us. (Obvious – adjective)

He obviously hides something from us. (Obviously – adverb)

The man was shot in the head and died in an instant. (Instant – noun)

The man was shot in the head and died instantly. (Instantly – adverb)

She was seemingly convinced. (Seemingly – adverb)

She seemed to be convinced. (Seemed – verb)

The farmer was apparently a fool. (Apparently – adverb)

The farmer appeared to be a fool. (Appeared – verb)