

# Lighten Up!

## CONSIDER THIS

Sometimes when a noun or adjective has a suffix added to it, the new word is a verb.

motive + ate = motivate  
 ↑        ↑        ↑  
 noun    suffix    verb

height + en = heighten  
 ↑        ↑        ↑  
 adjective    suffix    verb

Use the meaning of the *noun* to find the definition of the verb.

- custom + ize = **customize**, which means
- American + ize = **Americanize**, which means
- capsul + ize = **capsulize**, which means
- motive + ate = **motivate**, which means
- crystal + ize = **crystalize**, which means
- captive + ate = **captivate**, which means

Use the meaning of the *adjective* to find the definition of the verb.

- short + en = **shorten**, which means
- simple + fy = **simplify**, which means
- commercial + ize = **commercialize**, which means
- wide + en = **widen**, which means
- just + ify = **justify**, which means
- deep + en = **deepen**, which means

## Answer Box

<b>A</b> to change to fit a person's needs	<b>B</b> to reduce in length	<b>C</b> to adopt the customs of America	<b>D</b> to cause something to increase in depth	<b>E</b> to become like a business in outlook	<b>F</b> to form into a definite shape
<b>G</b> to make broader in width	<b>H</b> to cause someone to have the desire to act	<b>I</b> to make easier to understand	<b>J</b> to fascinate and entrance	<b>K</b> to show that a thing is reasonable	<b>L</b> to make in a shorter version than the original

