

FCE / B2 First Word Formation Practice Exam (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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1. What is the verb form of "curiosity"?
 - A. Curious
 - B. Curiosity
 - C. Curate
 - D. Curate

2. What word describes an experience that is not pleasant due to external conditions?
 - A. Flight
 - B. Journey
 - C. Travel
 - D. Expedition

3. What is the noun form of "strong"?
 - A. strength
 - B. strongly
 - C. strengthened
 - D. strenuous

4. What is the noun form of "decide"?
 - A. Deciding
 - B. Decision
 - C. Decisiveness
 - D. Decider

5. What is the noun form of the verb "exist"?
 - A. Existence
 - B. Existing
 - C. Existential
 - D. Existent

6. What is the adverb form of "efficient"?
 - A. Efficiently
 - B. Efficiency
 - C. Efficientness
 - D. Efficiented

- 7. Which term refers to the individuals who are involved in scientific investigation to improve medicine?**
- A. Researchers**
 - B. Developers**
 - C. Practitioners**
 - D. Specialists**
- 8. What is the term for a natural inclination or propensity?**
- A. Disposition**
 - B. Tendency**
 - C. Preference**
 - D. Adjustment**
- 9. The problem with young people today is that they don't realize how damaging their apathy and _____ can be.**
- A. Responsibility**
 - B. Irresponsibility**
 - C. Responsible**
 - D. Responsive**
- 10. What is the correct word to complete this sentence: "The _____ of this machine was a local farmer who stayed in the area even after the wealth and fame he found."?**
- A. inventor**
 - B. invention**
 - C. inventing**
 - D. inventive**

Answers

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1. A
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. B
9. B
10. A

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Explanations

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1. What is the verb form of "curiosity"?

A. Curious

B. Curiosity

C. Curate

D. Curate

The selection of "curious" as the answer is based on its role as a verb form derived from the noun "curiosity." In English word formation, "curious" functions as an adjective that describes a person or thing that has an eager desire to learn or know something. For example, you could describe a child as curious when they ask many questions about the world around them. The other options do not represent a verb form of "curiosity." "Curiosity" itself is a noun that embodies the quality of being curious. "Curate," on the other hand, does serve as a verb meaning to select, organize, and look after items in a collection or exhibition, but it does not connect to "curiosity" in the context of this question. Thus, "curious" effectively captures the essence of being driven by the desire to learn, aligning perfectly with the concept of curiosity while also being the suitable form in this case.

2. What word describes an experience that is not pleasant due to external conditions?

A. Flight

B. Journey

C. Travel

D. Expedition

The most suitable word to describe an experience that is not pleasant due to external conditions is "journey." This term captures the sense of movement between places and often implies a more personal experience, which can include both positive and negative aspects. While a "flight" specifically refers to travel by air, it doesn't convey the broader and potentially uncomfortable experiences associated with the journey itself. Both "travel" and "expedition" suggest movement or exploration, but they also lack the specific nuance of an unpleasant experience due to external factors. "Travel" refers more generally to the act of going from one place to another, while "expedition" often implies a planned journey with a specific purpose. Therefore, the broad and nuanced meaning of "journey" makes it the most fitting choice for describing an experience impacted negatively by external conditions.

3. What is the noun form of "strong"?

- A. strength**
- B. strongly**
- C. strengthened**
- D. strenuous**

The correct answer is "strength," as it is the noun form that directly corresponds to the adjective "strong." In English, many adjectives have associated noun forms that capture the essence of the quality or characteristic described by the adjective. In this case, "strong" describes the quality of having physical power or durability, while "strength" refers to the state or quality of being strong. The other answers represent different parts of speech or forms. "Strongly" is an adverb that describes the manner in which an action is performed, not a noun. "Strengthened" is the past participle of the verb "strengthen," indicating an action that has been completed, and thus does not convey the concept of strength as a quality itself. "Strenuous" is an adjective that refers to something requiring or using great effort or exertion, which, while related, does not represent the noun form of "strong."

4. What is the noun form of "decide"?

- A. Deciding**
- B. Decision**
- C. Decisiveness**
- D. Decider**

The correct noun form of "decide" is "decision." This word refers to the act of making a choice or judgment between two or more alternatives. In English, many verbs have an associated noun that captures the essence or result of that action. "Decision" embodies the outcome of the process of deciding. In contrast, "deciding" serves as a gerund or present participle, indicating the ongoing action of making a choice but not the result itself. "Decisiveness" relates to the quality of being decisive, illustrating the ability to make decisions swiftly and effectively rather than the act of making a decision. Meanwhile, "decider" refers to a person who makes decisions but is not the noun form of the verb itself. Therefore, "decision" is the most direct and accurate noun form derived from "decide."

5. What is the noun form of the verb "exist"?

- A. Existence**
- B. Existing**
- C. Existential**
- D. Existent**

The noun form of the verb "exist" is "existence." This form represents the state or fact of being or living, which directly correlates to the action suggested by the verb. The term encompasses the idea of presence or reality, capturing the essence of what it means to exist. Its use in sentences reflects this concept well, such as when discussing the existence of life, ideas, or entities in various contexts. The other options, while related to the idea of existence, do not serve as the noun form of the verb. "Existing" is an adjective that describes the state of currently being, while "existential" relates to philosophy about existence itself, and "existent" describes something that exists. Therefore, "existence" is the appropriate term for the noun form of "exist."

6. What is the adverb form of "efficient"?

- A. Efficiently**
- B. Efficiency**
- C. Efficientness**
- D. Efficiented**

The adverb form of the adjective "efficient" is "efficiently." This transformation involves adding the suffix "-ly," which is a common way to convert adjectives into adverbs in English. By doing so, "efficient" describes how an action is performed, indicating that it is done in an efficient manner. For example, you might say, "She completed the task efficiently," emphasizing the manner of her action. The other options do not serve as adverbial forms. "Efficiency" refers to the quality or state of being efficient but does not indicate how something is done. "Efficientness" is a less common noun form that also reflects the quality of being efficient but is not used to describe an action. "Efficiented" is not a recognized English word, as there is no acceptable form of "efficient" that includes this construction, making it incorrect in this context. Therefore, "efficiently" is the appropriate choice, as it accurately conveys the adverbial meaning needed.

7. Which term refers to the individuals who are involved in scientific investigation to improve medicine?

- A. Researchers**
- B. Developers**
- C. Practitioners**
- D. Specialists**

The term "Researchers" is the most appropriate choice to refer to individuals engaged in scientific investigation aimed at improving medicine. Researchers are individuals who systematically explore, investigate, and study various medical topics, often conducting experiments, trials, and analyses to discover new information or enhance existing knowledge. Their primary goal is to produce new insights that can lead to better medical practices, treatments, and technologies, thereby significantly contributing to advancements in healthcare. The other options, while related to the medical field, do not specifically capture the essence of conducting scientific investigations. Developers may focus on creating medical technology or applications but do not necessarily engage in research. Practitioners are more commonly associated with the application of medical knowledge in clinical settings rather than conducting research. Specialists possess advanced knowledge in specific areas of medicine, but this term does not imply participation in research endeavors. Thus, "Researchers" is the term that most accurately describes the individuals focused on scientific investigation in medicine.

8. What is the term for a natural inclination or propensity?

A. Disposition

B. Tendency

C. Preference

D. Adjustment

The term that best describes a natural inclination or propensity is "disposition." This word refers to a person's inherent qualities of mind and character, indicating a natural tendency toward a specific behavior or way of thinking. While "tendency" also implies a natural inclination, it typically suggests a more specific or observable behavior in certain situations rather than an overarching characteristic of someone's nature. Preference refers to a choice or favoring something over another, which could be influenced by experiences or desires, rather than a natural inclination. Adjustment usually conveys the idea of modifying or adapting to new conditions, so it does not align with the concept of a natural inclination. Thus, "disposition" encapsulates the idea of a person's natural qualities and inclinations more fully than the other options.

9. The problem with young people today is that they don't realize how damaging their apathy and _____ can be.

A. Responsibility

B. Irresponsibility

C. Responsible

D. Responsive

The correct answer is "Irresponsibility" because the sentence is discussing a negative trait that contributes to the problem of apathy among young people. The word "apathy" suggests a lack of concern or interest, and it is often paired with a lack of responsibility or accountability in one's actions. Using "Irresponsibility" fits contextually to portray how a lack of responsible behavior can be damaging, enhancing the overall meaning of the sentence. The word is a noun that effectively describes a failure to take responsibility, thereby aligning with the negative implications of apathy. Other options, such as "Responsibility," "Responsible," and "Responsive," would not appropriately convey the sense of detachment and lack of action that the sentence is highlighting. "Responsibility" and "Responsible" suggest the opposite of apathy and would imply that young people are aware and engaged, while "Responsive" refers to being able to react to something and does not convey the same negative connotation needed in this context.

10. What is the correct word to complete this sentence: "The _____ of this machine was a local farmer who stayed in the area even after the wealth and fame he found."?

- A. inventor**
- B. invention**
- C. inventing**
- D. inventive**

The best choice to complete the sentence is "inventor." The sentence is discussing the person responsible for creating or designing the machine, which in this case would be referred to as an inventor. An inventor is defined as someone who creates or originates something, particularly in the context of machines or devices. This context fits perfectly with the description provided, indicating that this person was a local farmer who made significant contributions. The other options, while they all relate to the concept of creation or ingenuity, do not serve the same grammatical function or meaning in this context. "Invention" refers to the actual machine created, "inventing" refers to the process of making something new, and "inventive" describes a quality of being creative or original, rather than identifying the individual who created the machine. Thus, "inventor" is the most appropriate word to complete the sentence accurately.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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