

Look at the pairs of sentences in 1-20 and choose a verb from the box which can be used with both sentences. In some cases, the meaning of the verb may change slightly. Then use a dictionary to find other objects which can be used with the verbs.

adapt • adjust • alter • cure • demote • disappear • dissolve  
exchange • expand • fade • increase • promote • reduce • renew  
renovate • replace • swell • switch • transform • vary

- 1.a) We need to ..... these cars so disabled people can drive them.  
1.b) The country found it hard to ..... to the new government.
- 2.a) If the trousers are too tight, take them back to the shop and ask them to ..... them.  
2.b) He found it hard to ..... to living in a tropical country.
- 3.a) You must ..... the voltage or the system will blow up.  
3.b) He decided to ..... his appearance by having plastic surgery.
- 4.a) Our bills will be less if we ..... from gas to electricity.  
4.b) They had to ..... flights at Heathrow Airport.
- 5.a) You can't ..... the terms of the contract once it has been signed.  
5.b) He wants to ..... his appearance.
- 6.a) It will help your digestion if you ..... your diet.  
6.b) Prices of flats ..... from a few thousand to millions of pounds.
- 7.a) We need to ..... our pounds for dollars.  
7.b) You can usually ..... goods which are faulty if you show the receipt.
- 8.a) We have had to ..... our sales force to cope with the extra demand.  
8.b) Water will ..... when it is frozen.
- 9.a) The price of oil will ..... next year.  
9.b) Most bosses refuse to ..... salaries when they are asked.
- 10.a) The management decided to ..... the company and sell the offices.  
10.b) ..... the sugar in boiling water.
- 11.a) More and more people are moving to cities to ..... the population there.  
11.b) The wasp sting caused his leg to ..... up.

12.a) The market for typewriters will probably ..... completely in the next few years.  
12.b) The police are baffled by the increasing number of people who ..... each year.

13.a) The old contract ran out and we had to ..... it.  
13.b) Many people argue that it's futile to ..... old hostilities.

14.a) They have received funds to ..... the old buildings.  
14.b) We need to ..... the central heating as it is old and worn out.

15.a) The boss offered to ..... him from salesman to manager.  
15.b) Our main aim is to ..... tourism in the country.

16.a) They wanted to ..... me from manager to salesperson.  
16.b) If we ..... you, you will lose a large part of your salary.

17.a) If you wash it too much, the colour will ..... .  
17.b) We watched the islands ..... away into the distance.

18.a) The company decided to ..... the permanent staff with freelancers.  
18.b) You must ..... the books on the shelf when you have finished with them.

19.a) The doctors were unable to ..... her the illness.  
19.b) ..... meat in salt water for between three and five days.

20.a) Governments are trying to ..... pollution.  
20.b) The best way to save money is to ..... the number of staff.

## ANSWERS

1.a) We need to adapt these cars so disabled people can drive them.  
1.b) The country found it hard to adapt to the new government.

2.a) If the trousers are too tight, take them back to the shop and ask them to adjust them.  
2.b) He found it hard to adjust to living in a tropical country.

3.a) You must transform the voltage or the system will blow up.  
3.b) He decided to transform his appearance by having plastic surgery.

4.a) Our bills will be less if we switch from gas to electricity.  
4.b) They had to switch flights at Heathrow Airport.

5.a) You can't alter the terms of the contract once it has been signed.  
5.b) He wants to alter his appearance.

6.a) It will help your digestion if you vary your diet.

6.b) Prices of flats vary from a few thousand to millions of pounds.

7.a) We need to exchange our pounds for dollars.

7.b) You can usually exchange goods which are faulty if you show the receipt.

8.a) We have had to expand our sales force to cope with the extra demand.

8.b) Water will expand when it is frozen.

9.a) The price of oil will increase next year.

9.b) Most bosses refuse to increase salaries when they are asked.

10.a) The management decided to dissolve the company and sell the offices.

10.b) Dissolve the sugar in boiling water.

11.a) More and more people are moving to cities to swell the population there.

11.b) The wasp sting caused his leg to swell up.

12.a) The market for typewriters will probably disappear completely in the next few years.

12.b) The police are baffled by the increasing number of people who disappear each year.

13.a) The old contract ran out and we had to renew it.

13.b) Many people argue that it's futile to renew old hostilities.

14.a) They have received funds to renovate the old buildings.

14.b) We need to renovate the central heating as it is old and worn out.

15.a) The boss offered to promote him from salesman to manager.

15.b) Our main aim is to promote tourism in the country.

16.a) They wanted to demote me from manager to salesperson.

16.b) If we demote you, you will lose a large part of your salary.

17.a) If you wash it too much, the colour will fade .

17.b) We watched the islands fade away into the distance.

18.a) The company decided to replace the permanent staff with freelancers.

18.b) You must replace the books on the shelf when you have finished with them.

19.a) The doctors were unable to cure her the illness.

19.b) Cure meat in salt water for between three and five days.

20.a) Governments are trying to reduce pollution.

20.b) The best way to save money is to reduce the number of staff.

