



*CONVERSION*

When the spelling and pronunciation are the same, but the function, part of speech, the meaning have changed we have a conversion. It's a type of word-formation which consists of making a new word by changing the category of the part of speech. Conversation is one of the most productive types of English word-formation, because of the analytical type of the language.

# Classification

**1. It is when the noun is a name of a tool and the verb which is formed denotes an actions, which is performed by this tool:**

**Ex. a brush- to brush**

**a pencil – to pencil**

**a nail – to nail**

**2. When the noun is the name of an animal and the verb denotes an action or way of behavior for this animal:**

**Ex. a monkey- to monkey**

**!!! a wolf- to wolf (eat hungrily)**

**3. Nouns which denotes a part of a human body. When we form a verb, it denotes an action performed by this or that part of human body:**

**Ex. an elbow – to elbow (to push)**

**a shoulder – to shoulder (to support)**

**!!! a face – to face**

**a back – to back (to support)**

**4. The nouns which are the names  
of the professions or  
occupations:**

**Ex. a cook – to cook**

**a nurse – to nurse**

**5. Nouns are the names of some places  
and the verb denotes the process of  
occupying the place or putting  
something into it:**

**Ex. a land –to land**

**a table – to table**

**a room –to room**

**a place – to place**

**6. Nouns are the names of a container and the verbs denote an act of putting something into it:**

**Ex. a bottle – to bottle**

**a pocket – to pocket**

**a can – to can**

**We eat what we can, and what we can't eat we can.**



**7. Noun is the name of a meal, the  
verb denotes the process of taking  
this meal:**

**Ex. lunch – to lunch  
breakfast – to breakfast**

# Let's practise!

- Ink - to ink
- A fox - to fox
- A nose - to nose
- A doctor - to doctor
- A seat - to seat
- A pot - to pot
- Dinner - to dinner

