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Please, please, please don't turn this into a 'King James Preference Post' but I want to know what the difference is in John 8:32 between the word 'set' and 'make'?

Which one do you prefer and why?

"...Then you will know the truth, and the truth will **set** you free." - Most Versions

My point is because this is a very well known verse through out the world and I've only realized KJV says 'make'.

"...and you will know the truth, and the truth will **make** you free." - A Couple of Versions

Re: The truth will 'make' or 'set' you free? -John 8:32 - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/3/20 18:37

Neither the word 'make' or 'set' is actually in the Greek. It is the Future Active Indicative of (<http://www.blueletterbible.org/cgi-bin/words.pl?bookJhn&chapter8&verse32&strongs1659&page>) eleutheroO which really means 'to liberate'.

If you check out the verses where the word is used in the New Testament you will get a good feel for the word. Notice particularly (<http://www.blueletterbible.org/cgi-bin/versions.pl?bookGal&chapter5&verse1&versionKJV#1>) Gal 5:1 where the noun and the verb ie liberty and liberate are both used in the same sentence to emphasise the 'liberty with which Christ has liberated us'.