

# Nominalisations cheat sheet

Strong writing uses verbs rather than turning them into nouns (nominalisations). Nominalisations hide the real action. Your writing sounds more formal and your sentences might be longer than they need to be.

## Recognising nominalised verbs

Nominalised verbs often end in -ion, -ment, -al, -age, -ing, -ance, -ant, -dom.

- Find the verb (action, doing word) in your sentence.
- Check the noun that follows closely. Can you turn this into the verb?

## Examples

Here are some examples of nominalisations turned back into verbs.

Nominalisations	Verbs
Achievement	Achieve
Action	Act
Agreement	Agree
Appearance	Appear, seem
Application	Apply
Approval	Approve
Arrival	Arrive
Assessment	Assess, review, check, evaluate
Beginning	Began
Transition	Transit, change
Commitment	Commit, promise, agree to
Communication	Communicate, tell, email, call
Conclusion	Conclude, decide
Confirmation	Confirm
Consideration	Consider
Consultation	Consult, discuss
Continuation	Continues
Contribution	Contributed, gave, donated, helped
Decision	Decide
Definition	Define
Commitment	Commit, promise, agree to
Demonstration	Demonstrate, show
Description	Describe
Determination	Determine
Development	Develop, produce, make, create
Discussion	Discuss
Donation	Donate, give
Editing	Edit
Employment	Employ
Enhancement	Enhance, improve, upgrade
Enrolment, re-enrolment	Enrol, re-enrol

Evaluation	Evaluate
Examination	Examine, check
Expectation	Expect
Explanation	Explain
Implementation	Implement, set up, install
Implication	Imply, suggest
Indication	Indicate, show, prove
Inspection	Inspect, check
Instruction	Instruct, teach, tell
Intention	Intend, mean
Introduction	Introduce
Investigation	Investigate, check
Leadership	Lead
Mentoring	Mentor, coach
Notification	Notify, tell, email, call
Objection	Object
Observation	Observe, saw, notice
Ownership	Own
Payment	Pay
Performance	Perform, act, sing, do
Prioritisation	Prioritise, order, rank
Progression	Progress, improve
Reaction	React, respond, reply
Recommendation	Recommend
Reduction	Reduce, cut back
Referral	Refer
Reformation	Reform, change, improve
Refusal	Refuse
Rejection	Reject, deny
Relocation	Relocate, move
Replacement	Replace, change
Requirement	Require, must
Resistance	Resist
Resolution	Resolve, decide, agree
Review (as a noun)	Review (as a verb)
Revision	Revise, change, edit
Ruling	Rule, decide, order
Solution	Solve, fix
Statement	State, say
Submission	Submitted, lodged, sent
Suggestion	Suggest
Training	Train
Transformation	Transform, change
Translation	Translate
Undertaking	Undertake, do, promise