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C1 NOUNS/PLURALS ≈ 27 MIN

Nominalisation – *practice on paper*

You know noun formation and the clarity check; now control nominalisations, collocations, and active verbs deliberately.

Use **nominalisations** for deliberate formal compression; restore the **active verb** when noun chains hide the action.

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BRICK 1 · SORT NOUN STYLE AND ACTIVE CLAUSES · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. On the left, a noun carries the idea; on the right, an active verb states the action directly.

The reduction lowered our monthly costs.
Implementation took one working week.
Her refusal delayed the final response.
The revision required two extra days.
Approval of the plan took three weeks.
We reduced travel after the review.
Our team implemented the new workflow.
She refused the revised delivery date.
We revised the appendix before lunch.
The board approved the plan yesterday.

FORMAL NOMINALISATION	CLEAR ACTIVE CLAUSE

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE FORM OR COLLOCATION · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete the correct noun form. In the three collocations, complete make, take, and reach exactly once each.

01 Their _____ to relocate followed a long review. (decide)
02 The launch _____ created a scheduling problem. (postpone)
03 The update improved processing _____ . (efficient)
04 Please ma _____ a decision before Thursday.
05 The safety team must _____ action today.
06 We hope to _____ a conclusion this afternoon.
07 The briefing raised data-security _____ . (aware)
08 One technical _____ stopped the trial. (fail)

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT FORM AND STYLE · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Each sentence contains exactly one error in noun form, collocation, or clarity. Rewrite the full sentence naturally.

01 Tomorrow, our group must do a decision about access.

02 The platform implemention lasted eighteen months.

03 Could the responsible join our supplier review?

04 The new checklist increased team efficient.

05 The postponeation surprised our regional partners.

06 We implementation the patch today.

BRICK 4 · WRITE FORMALLY AND CLEARLY · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Use nominalisation deliberately and choose an active verb consciously in the final item.

01 Formal report: turn decide into decision.

02 Quality: use efficiency or awareness as the sentence topic.

03 Collocation: use make a decision and reach a conclusion.

04 Clarity check: replace "the implementation of the policy by our team" with an active clause.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ○ I form the taught nouns with the correct suffix.
- ○ I use make a decision, take action, and reach a conclusion.
- ○ I use person responsible rather than the responsible.
- ○ I restore the active verb when noun chains obscure.

Still unsure? Mark nouns, collocations, and hidden actions, then revise again.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 The reduction lowered our monthly costs.
Formal nominalisation: reduction carries the idea.

02 Implementation took one working week.
Formal nominalisation: implementation is the topic.

03 Her refusal delayed the final response.
Formal nominalisation: refusal names the action.

04 The revision required two extra days.
Formal nominalisation: revision carries the clause.

05 Approval of the plan took three weeks.
Formal nominalisation: approval is the topic.

06 We reduced travel after the review.
Clear active clause: we names the actor.

07 Our team implemented the new workflow.
Clear active clause: implemented states the action.

08 She refused the revised delivery date.
Clear active clause: she names the actor.

09 We revised the appendix before lunch.
Clear active clause: revised states the action.

10 The board approved the plan yesterday.
Clear active clause: the board names the actor.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 Their **decision** to relocate followed a long review.
Word formation: decide becomes decision.

02 The launch **postponement** created a scheduling problem.
Word formation: postpone becomes postponement.

03 The update improved processing **efficiency**.
Word formation: efficient becomes efficiency.

04 Please ma**ke** a decision before Thursday.
Collocation: English uses make a decision.

05 The safety team must **take** action today.
Collocation: English uses take action.

06 We hope to **reach** a conclusion this afternoon.
Collocation: English uses reach a conclusion.

07 The briefing raised data-security **awareness**.
Word formation: aware becomes awareness.

08 One technical **failure** stopped the trial.
Word formation: fail becomes failure.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Tomorrow, our group must **make** a decision about access.
Collocation: English uses make a decision.

02 The platform **implementation** lasted eighteen months.
Word formation: implement forms implementation.

03 Could the **person responsible** join our supplier review?
Person rule: responsible needs a head noun.

04 The new checklist increased team **efficiency**.
Word formation: efficient becomes the noun efficiency.

05 The **postponement** surprised our regional partners.
Word formation: postpone forms postponement.

06 We **implemented** the patch today.
Form rule: implemented is the verb after we.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your answers may differ if word formation, collocation, and clarity fit the prompt.

01 The committee's final **decision** ended weeks of uncertainty.
Word formation: decision makes the choice the topic.

02 Process **efficiency** improved after the software update.
Word formation: efficiency makes the quality the topic.

03 We will **make a decision** today and **reach a conclusion** on scope tomorrow.
Collocations: both nouns take natural verbs.

04 After the final review, **we implemented the policy**.
Clarity rule: the active clause shows responsibility.

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