

What is Nominalization?

Worksheet

Nominalization is converting a verb or adjective into a noun form, often by adding suffixes like -tion, -ment, -ness, or -ity. For example: 'develop' becomes 'development,' 'achieve' becomes 'achievement,' and 'significant' becomes 'significance.'

Questions

1. Which is a nominalized form?

- A) Run quickly
- B) Running is exercise
- C) They run fast
- D) Run the race

2. Nominalize 'manage' using the correct suffix.

- A) managism
- B) management
- C) manageness
- D) managness

3. What is the function of nominalization in this sentence: 'The discovery of DNA changed biology'?

- A) Discovery is a verb
- B) Discovery is an adjective
- C) Discovery is a noun (nominalized verb)
- D) Discovery modifies 'DNA'

4. Which suffix is NOT commonly used for nominalization?

- A) -tion
- B) -ment
- C) -ful
- D) -ness

5. Nominalize the verb 'analyze' and use it in a sentence.

6. Nominalize 'happy' and write a sentence showing the abstract noun.

7. Convert 'educate' and 'develop' into nominalized forms and compare.

8. Define: What is nominalization?

9. Define: Common nominalization suffixes?

10. Define: Example: nominalize 'create.'

Answer Key

1. B) Running is exercise — 'Running' is the nominalized verb form (gerund), used as a noun (subject of the sentence).
2. B) management — 'Manage' + '-ment' = 'management' (the correct and common nominalization).
3. C) Discovery is a noun (nominalized verb) — 'Discovery' is the nominalized verb 'discover' functioning as a noun (subject of the sentence).
4. C) -ful — '-ful' creates adjectives ('helpful'), not nouns. Common nominalization suffixes are -tion, -ment, -ness, -ity, -ing.
5. Add suffix -sis or -tion: 'analyze' → 'analysis' or 'analyzation' (analysis more common). Sentence: The analysis of the data took three hours. Here, 'analysis' is a noun functioning as the subject.
6. Add suffix -ness: 'happy' → 'happiness'. Sentence: Happiness is a choice we make daily. 'Happiness' is the subject noun derived from the adjective.
7. 'Educate' → 'education' (using -tion) 'Develop' → 'development' (using -ment) Example: Education and development go hand in hand. Both nominalized verbs now function as countable/abstract nouns.
8. Nominalization is converting verbs, adjectives, or other words into nouns to create abstract concepts or shift focus in sentences.
9. -tion (action), -ment (state), -ness (quality), -ity (property), -ing (gerund), -ance/-ence (state/quality).
10. 'Create' → 'creation' (noun). The creation of the painting was inspiring.

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