

What Is Nominalization in French?

Worksheet

Nominalization converts verbs to nouns in French via suffixes: parler → parole (speech), agir → action, manger → repas (meal). This allows verbs to function as nouns in sentences and creates formal, abstract language.

Questions

1. Nominalize 'agir' (to act):

- A) agissant
- B) action
- C) agir
- D) agissons

2. Which suffix is used for 'donner' → 'don' (gift)?

- A) -ment
- B) -tion
- C) -age
- D) -on

3. Choose the nominalized noun: 'Elle admire son ____.' (She admires his ____.)

- A) courir
- B) coureur
- C) courante
- D) cours

4. Which is the correct nominalization of 'finir' (to finish)?

- A) fin (end)
- B) fini (finished)
- C) finesse (finesse)
- D) finir (infinitive)

5. Convert the verb 'parler' (to speak) to a noun using a common French suffix.

6. Nominalize 'manger' (to eat) and use it in a sentence.

7. Form a noun from 'danser' (to dance) and create a simple sentence.

8. Define: What is nominalization?

9. Define: Example: 'agir' → noun?

10. Define: Common nominalization suffixes in French?

Answer Key

1. B) action — Agir → action (using -tion suffix) = 'action' or 'act'.
2. C) -age — Donner (to give) → don (gift, using -on reduction).
3. B) coureur — Coureur (runner) is the -eur agent noun from courir (to run).
4. A) fin (end) — Fin (end) is the nominalized form of finir, or finition using -tion.
5. Verb: parler (to speak). Common nominalization suffixes: -tion, -ment, -age. For parler, use parole or parlant (speech, speaking). Alternatively: parler → parlement (parliament, as in speaking assembly).
6. Verb: manger (to eat). Nominalized: repas (meal) — indirect from manger. Or: mangeur (eater) using -eur suffix. Sentence: Le repas était délicieux (The meal was delicious).
7. Verb: danser (to dance). Nominalized: danse (dance) using -e suffix. Sentence: J'aime la danse (I love dance).
8. Converting verbs to nouns, usually with suffixes like -tion, -ment, -ance, -eur.
9. Action (from agir = to act). Suffix -tion creates a noun meaning 'action/act'.
10. -tion (action), -ment (ément), -ance/-ence (instance), -eur (agent), -age (agir-age).

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