

What is Nominalization?

Worksheet

Nominalization converts a verb into a noun using derivational suffixes (créer → création, habiter → habitation, marcher → marche). It transforms actions into abstract concepts and strengthens formal writing.

Questions

1. Manger → _____ (nominalization)

- A) mangement
- B) mangaison
- C) repas
- D) mange

2. Which suffix appears in 'création', 'addition', 'action'?

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

3. Diminuer → _____ (nominalization)

- A) diminuement
- B) diminution
- C) diminuage
- D) diminuelle

4. Translate using nominalization: 'The development of technology' (développer).

- A) le développe de technologie
- B) la développation de technologie
- C) le développement de la technologie
- D) la développure de technologie

5. Habiter (to live) → Nominalisation

6. Diminuer (to diminish) → Nominalisation

7. Agir (to act) → Nominalisation

8. Define: What is the most common French nominalization suffix?

9. Define: Which verb becomes 'habitation'?

10. Define: What nominalization suffix means 'state or quality'?

Answer Key

1. C) repas — Manger = to eat; repas = meal. While mangement exists (the act of eating), repas is the most idiomatic noun.
2. B) -tion — -tion is the most productive suffix for nominalization in French.
3. B) diminution — Diminuer → diminution (a decrease). -tion becomes -ution after certain consonants.
4. C) le développement de la technologie — Développer → développement. -ment nominalization creates formal, abstract nouns.
5. Verb: habiter (to live/inhabit) Suffix: -tion (forms nouns from verbs) Nominalization: habitation (the act/place of inhabiting) Usage: L'habitation est un droit fondamental (Housing is a fundamental right).
6. Verb: diminuer (to decrease) Suffix: -ution changes to -tion Nominalization: diminution (a decrease) Usage: Une diminution des ventes (A decrease in sales).
7. Verb: agir (to act) Suffix: -tion (note the stem changes to act-) Nominalization: action (action/activity) Usage: L'action est plus forte que les paroles (Action speaks louder than words).
8. -tion (créer → création, addition → addition, action → action).
9. Habiter (to live/inhabit). -tion attaches after dropping the -er.
10. -ance/-ence (tolérer → tolérance, violence → violence).

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