

Handout 3 (Writing): More on Characters and Nouns

Exercises

These exercises come from Lesson 4 in Williams & Bizup.

Exercise 1

Revise each sentence so it has a specific character as the subject of a specific verb. You may have to invent characters, like we, I, etc.

- 1) Having their research taken seriously by professionals in the field was hard work for the students.
- 2) Resistance has been growing against building mental health facilities in residential areas because of a belief that the few examples of improper management are typical.
- 3) The performance of the play was marked by enthusiasm, but there was a lack of intelligent staging.
- 4) The rejection of the proposal was a disappointment but not a surprise because our expectation was that a political decision had been made.

Exercise 2

Identify and revise the strings of nouns in these sentences.

- 1) Diabetic patient blood pressure reduction may be brought about by renal depressor application.
- 2) The goal of this article is to describe text comprehension processes and recall protocol production.
- 3) This paper is an investigation into information processing behavior involved in computer human cognition simulation.