

# NOMINALISATION

STW UNIT 02

# WHAT IS NOMINALIZATION?

- Nominalization is a linguistic technique employed in scientific and technical writing to convey complex information concisely and with precision.
- It involves transforming verbs or adjectives into nouns, making the text more abstract and formal.

# SIGNIFICANCE

- **Clarity and Precision:** It simplifies complex actions or concepts into concrete nouns, reducing ambiguity and enhancing clarity.
- **Conciseness:** By condensing verb-phrases into nouns, nominalization reduces wordiness as economy of words is of paramount importance in scientific and technical writings.
- **Formality and Objectivity:** Nominalized language often imparts formality to the text, maintaining an objective tone.

# EXAMPLES

Verb	Noun
analyse	analysis
assess	assessment
conceptualise	conception
Investigate	investigation
proceed	procedure
signify	significance
interpret	interpretation
occur	occurrence

# ILLUSTRATION

VERB FORM	NOMINALIZED FORM
<p>We <b>analyzed</b> the data from the experiment, and it revealed that children <b>react</b> when they have too much sugar.</p>	<p>The <b>analysis</b> of the data revealed children's <b>reaction</b> to excessive sugar intake.</p>

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- The court **analyzed** the issue and **concluded** that the defendant was guilty.
- **Nominalization:** The court provided an **analysis** of the issue and offered its **conclusion** that the defendant was guilty.
- We **evaluated** the results and it **explains** the loss in the revenue.
- **Nominalization:** An **evaluation** of results provides an **explanation** of the loss in the revenue.

