

Nominalisation – exercises (source: eo.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/Files/Nominalization)

I. Transform the sentences below using nominalisation.

1. Student numbers are increasing rapidly from year to year and the University is becoming concerned that they may need to build more accommodation in order to house everyone.

The rapid _____ is causing concern at the University.
_____ may have to be built in order to house everyone.

2. The temperature of the planet is rising as a result of global warming.

The _____ is a result of global warming.

3. The business report indicates that sales figures are down 10% on last month, which is worrying.

The _____ that sales figures are down 10% on last month is worrying.

4. A team of scientists analysed the data in the lab before they wrote their report.

The _____ by a team of scientists in the lab was undertaken before writing a report.

5. Mathematics and physics experts have produced a mathematical formula which explains the modern phenomena of network science.

The _____ by mathematics and physics experts has explained the modern phenomena of network science.

II. Using the words in the box, fill in all the gaps.

analysis indication investment participation restrictions

1. The government _____ of the student intake helped to ascertain a realistic picture of which countries the international students have come from.

2. The _____ by the report that business has been profitable since the end of the quarter seems to suggest inevitable expansion.

3. Next year's _____ of £350 million by TFL next will refurbish several tube stations.

4. The UK Border Agency's entry _____ apply to non EU and EEA citizens.

5. _____ in this urban migration is a way for individuals to generate income through non-traditional means.
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III. Using the sentences from activity II, change the nominalisations back into verbs.

For example:

The nominalised sentence

The failure of local economies to sustain and stimulate economic growth resulted in foreign intervention.

becomes

Local economic strategies failed to stimulate and sustain economic growth, which resulted in foreign intervention.

The government _____ to ascertain a realistic picture of which countries the international students have come from.

The report _____ that business has been extremely profitable since the end of the quarter, particularly since the important sale and that expansion seems inevitable.

Transport for London _____ in refurbishment of several tube stations.

The UK Border Agency _____ to the UK for non EU or EEA citizens.

Individuals _____ this urban migration because they _____ income through non-traditional means.