Nominalisation – Suffixes

**Learning Intention:** We are learning to write more clearly by mastering the skill of changing the function of words (the part of speech) by changing their endings (suffixes). Changing nouns to verbs has the effect of making writing more concrete and thereby less confusing.

**Instructions for improving your writing**: Use the resource below to help you change verbs into nouns. To do so just add the appropriate ending.

Play + -er = player

(verb) (noun suffix) = noun (This process is called ***nominalisation***)

**Nouns**

* er – *player*
* ice – *justice*
* ness – *happiness*
* tion/sion/ion – *division*
* ance – *finance*
* ment – *government*
* hood – *neighborhood*
* dom – *freedom*
* cy – *hesitancy*
* ist – *florist*
* ity – *charity*
* ship – *friendship*

**Instructions for the table:** Fill in the table below by using (losing) the suffices to create verbs from nouns.

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| **Noun** | **Verb** | **Noun** | **Verb** |
| Analysis |  | Hypothesis |  |
| Assessment |  | Identification |  |
| Assumption |  | Indication |  |
| Authority |  | Interpretation |  |
| Conception |  | Investigation |  |
| Consistence |  | Implication |  |
| Context |  | Legislation |  |
| Creation |  | Occurrence |  |
| Definition |  | Procedure |  |
| Distribution |  | Requirement |  |
| Establishment |  | Response |  |
| Emphasis |  | Specification |  |