Year 10 How To Nominalise Sheet

**Noun Groups**

*The below is how it is possible to build onto a noun in order to exclude other details from the sentence.*

* The really old oak table
* A fluffy tabby cat
* My 2 most favourite lollies in front of me
* John’s many super annoying gold fish in the bowl

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| **Pointer (which one?)**  *(a, the, these, your, his)* | **Numerator (how many?)**  *(lots, some, a few, ten)* | **Intensifier (how intense?)**  *(very, incredibly, quite)* | **Describer (what like?)**  *(beautiful, soft, dangerous, pink)* | **Classifier (which type?)**  *(Persian, wooden, painted, female)* | **Thing/Noun** | **Qualifier (more about it)**  *(who I met last week, with brown eyes)* |
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**Rules for Nominalisation**

1. Identify verbs and nouns
2. Change any verbs into nouns; create as many noun groups as possible from the sentence at hand.
3. Use as many of the new nouns and noun groups as you can in a total rewrite of the sentence.

**Examples:**

Old: One morning, their breakfast porridge was too hot to eat, so they decided to go for a walk in the forest.

Nominalisations: (the) ingestion; (a) decision; (an) exit

Noun groups: Excessively hot breakfast porridge; a forest perambulation

New: One morning, their excessively hot breakfast porridge prompted the decision for a forest perambulation.

Old: While they were out, a little girl called Goldilocks came through the trees and found their house.

Nominalisations: (an) egress; (a) walk; (the) discovery

Noun groups: Goldilocks, a little girl; a woodland walk

New: Upon their egress, Goldilocks, a little girl on a woodland walk, made the discovery of their house.

Old: She knocked on the door and, as there was no answer, she pushed it open and went inside.

Nominalisations: (a) knock; (a) push; (the) entrance

Noun groups: an unanswered knock

New: An unanswered knock encouraged her entrance