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Nominalizations

*nominalize*: to convert a verb into a noun

- *discover* → *discovery*
- *resist* → *resistance*
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1) Underline the first 7 or 8 words in the sentence.

2) Look for two Warning Signs:
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Who are the main characters of the sentence?

What concrete actions do they perform?
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Actions & Verbs

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Make the characters the subjects

Make their actions the verbs
Many American workers lose their jobs because corporations outsource high-tech work to Asia.
The End