

Agent / Action Sentences

Telling Stories

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Telling Stories

Once upon a time, Little Red Riding Hood was walking through the woods, when the Wolf jumped out from behind a tree and frightened her.

Characters & Subjects

Once upon a time, as a **walk** through the woods was taking place on the part of *Little Red Riding Hood*, the *Wolf's* **jump** out from behind a tree occurred, causing fright in Little Red Riding Hood.

Characters & Subjects

Once upon a time, *Little Red Riding Hood* was walking through the woods, when the *Wolf* jumped out from behind a tree and frightened her.

Actions & Verbs

Once upon a time, as a *walk* through the woods **was taking** place on the part of Little Red Riding Hood, the Wolf's *jump* out from behind a tree occurred, causing *fright* in Little Red Riding Hood.

Actions & Verbs

Once upon a time, Little Red Riding Hood *was walking* through the woods, when the Wolf *jumped* out from behind a tree and *frightened* her.

Academic Writing

The Federalists' argument in regard to the destabilization of government by popular democracy was based on their belief in the tendency of factions to further their self-interest at the expense of the common good.

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Characters & Subjects

The *Federalists'* **argument** in regard to the destabilization of government by popular *democracy* was based on *their* belief in the tendency of *factions* to further *their* self-interest at the expense of the common good.

Characters & Subjects

The *Federalists* argued that popular *democracy* destabilized government, because *they* believed that *factions* tended to further *their* self-interest at the expense of the common good.

Actions & Verbs

The Federalists' *argument* in regard to the *destabilization* of government by popular democracy **was based** on their *belief* in the *tendency* of factions to further their self-interest at the expense of the common good.

Actions & Verbs

The Federalists *argued* that popular democracy *destabilized* government, because they *believed* that factions *tended* to further their self-interest at the expense of the common good.

Nominalizations

nominalize: to convert a verb into a noun

discover → discovery

resist → resistance

react → reaction

nominalize → nominalization

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- 1) Underline the first 7 or 8 words in the sentence.
- 2) Look for two Warning Signs:
 - subject is an abstract noun
 - more than 6 or 7 words before the main verb

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Who are the main characters of the sentence?

What concrete actions do they perform?

Characters & Subjects

The **outsourcing** of high-tech work to *Asia* by *corporations* means the loss of jobs for many *American workers*.

Actions & Verbs

The *outsourcing* of high-tech work to Asia by corporations **means** the *loss* of jobs for many American workers.

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Make the characters the subjects

Make their actions the verbs

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Many **American workers** *lose* their jobs because **corporations** *outsource* high-tech work to Asia.

The End