

Learning Objective: to practise using nominalisation

Nominalisation is the process of using nouns in place of verbs.

It is a key feature of academic writing.

It allows for the building of more complex sentences.

Word Level Changes

From the Academic Word List

Verb Noun

Conceptualise

Derive

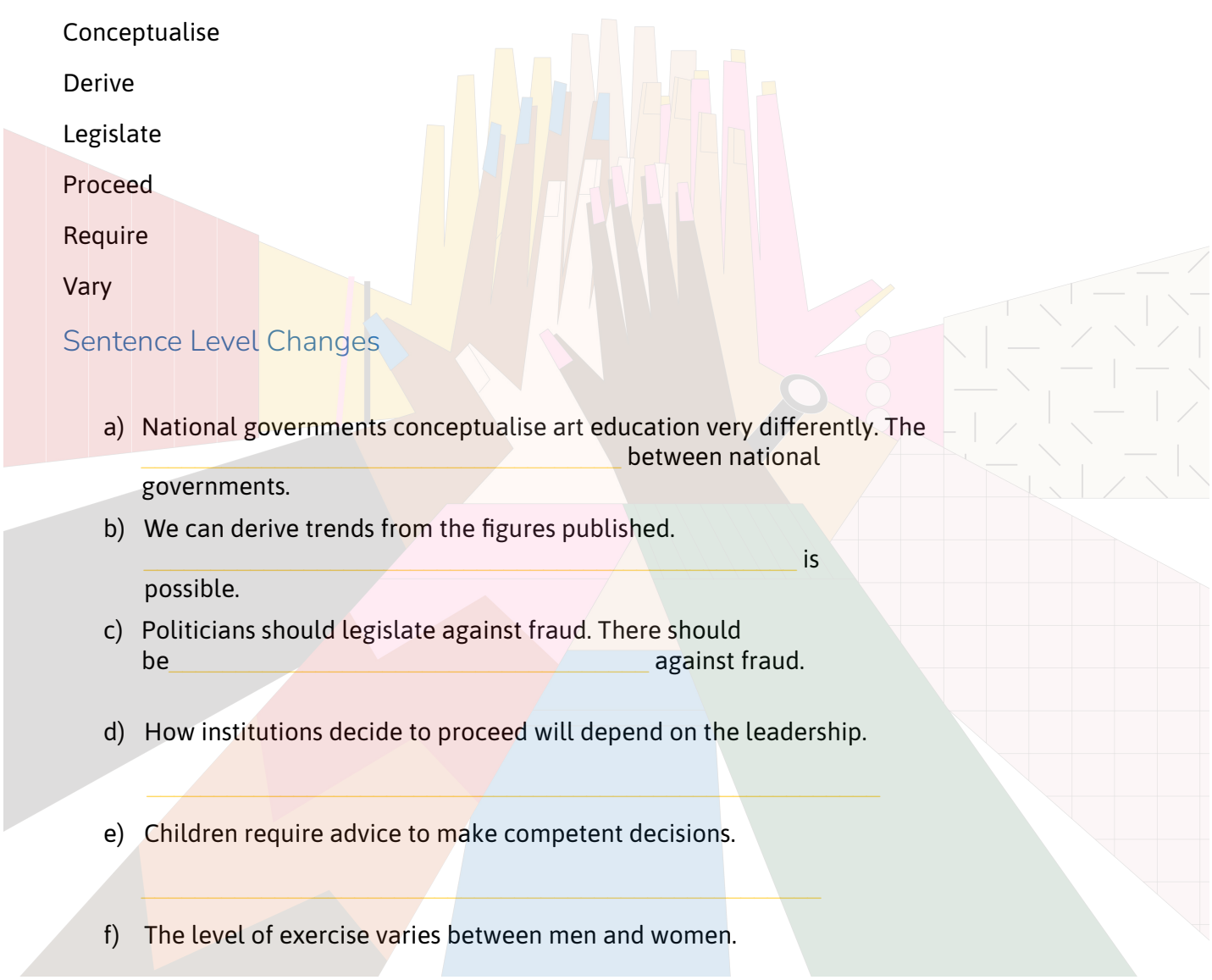
Legislate

Proceed

Require

Vary

Sentence Level Changes

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- a) National governments conceptualise art education very differently. The _____ between national governments.
- b) We can derive trends from the figures published. _____ is possible.
- c) Politicians should legislate against fraud. There should be _____ against fraud.
- d) How institutions decide to proceed will depend on the leadership. _____
- e) Children require advice to make competent decisions. _____
- f) The level of exercise varies between men and women. _____

Free Practice

Make sentences using these nouns.

Benefit:

Context:

Formula:

Process:

Theory:

Topics

Prepare a thesis statement sentence for a main paragraph for each of these essay questions.

Thesis statements = the first sentence of the paragraph which introduces the main idea of the paragraph.

- 1) Some people believe that old buildings should be preserved while others think that more modern infrastructure should be built instead. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.**
- 2) Museums are essential public assets. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**
- 3) Public littering is becoming more of a problem. What are the causes of this and what are some possible solutions?**

Answers

Word Level

Verb Noun

Conceptualise concept

Derive derivation, derivative

Legislate legislation

Proceed procedure, process

Require requirement

Vary variation, variety

Sentence Level

- a) The concept of art education varies greatly between national governments.
- b) The derivation of trends from figures published is possible.
- c) There should be (adequate/more/detailed) legislation against fraud.
- d) The process of institutional decision making will depend on the leadership.
- e) There should be a requirement for advice before children make competent decisions.
- f) There is variation in the level of exercise between men and women.

Free Practice

Benefit: The benefit of exercise is manifold.

Context: Environmental policies are dependent on specific local contexts.

Formula: The formula for proactive healthcare is clear.

Process: The process of glass recycling can be separated into two stages.

Theory: Several theories abound regarding the method for setting salary ranges.

Example Texts for Topics

- 1) While it is undoubtedly true that modern architecture is of great value and importance, cutting edge construction must not happen at the expense of heritage structures.
- 2) The place of museums should be at the heart of communities, therefore these institutions must be protected and valued by the public.
- 3) The increase of littering can be blamed on several factors such as lack of public bins and an excess of plastic wrapping. Therefore the obvious solutions are to provide better facilities and reduce the amount of packaging on products.

References

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