Nominalization (answer key)

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B. Rewrite the sentences by changing the verbs in bold into nouns.

Suggested answers:
1. Political candidates need a good performance during a TV debate.
   A good performance is required of political candidates during a TV debate.
2. Our city needs an assessment of its recycling system.
   An assessment of our recycling system is necessary.
3. My hope is that my English students will use this book.
4. The police conducted an investigation of the robbery.
   An investigation of the robbery was conducted by the police.
5. There was a Japanese invasion of Korea in 1592.
6. This sentence provides an illustration of the problems with nominalization.
7. The professors’ meaning was not comprehensible.

C. Rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined words with a suitable noun phrase.

1. The report had underestimated the severity of global warming in this century.
2. An accurate diagnosis of the disease depends on obtaining a blood sample.
3. Many countries have a dangerous dependency on oil as a source of energy.
4. There is (the possibility of) insurance against loss of income caused by unemployment.
5. Piaget is known for his studies of children’s intellectual development.

D. Adjectives into nouns: write the appropriate noun in the second sentence, so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1. The beauty of the scene took her breath away.
2. They measured the width of the road was.
3. His thinness put off the directors.

E. Combine the sentences replacing the adjective with a noun:

1. My sister’s cheerfulness made me forget all my troubles.
2. The strength of the Mosque’s foundations stopped it from collapsing in the earthquake.
3. The crate’s weight slowed Ram’s progress.

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