

Transforming Language

In *Transformations—Processing the Minerals* on pages 8 and 9, many actions are expressed as either as a verb or as noun. For example:

“Once any type of ore has been removed from the ground there are a number of processes it must go through to **separate** the mineral or minerals from surrounding waste material. This often involves mechanical **separation** processes like sifting, crushing and grinding.”

First the verb “separate” is used then the noun “separation”. Once the verb is changed into a noun, the writer can describe and classify the process more easily. In his case, the writer then talks about two types of separation - mechanical and chemical.

Changing verbs into nouns is called nominalisation. Science makes considerable use of nominalisation to form its technical words.

Nominalisation—Transformation of Language

Complete the following table by nominalising the verbs - changing them into their noun forms. Many of these are found in the text.

<i>Verb form</i>	<i>Noun form</i>	<i>Verb Form</i>	<i>Noun form</i>
to transform	transformation	to manage	
to process		to conserve	
to separate		to protect	
to extract		to control	
to transport		to waste	
to produce		to rehabilitate	
to remove		to consult	
to use		to involve	