

Wordy noun constructions deflate the action.

Nominalization: Some examples:

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Noun constructions (Nominalizations)</u>
He discovered	<i>The discovery by the explorer</i>
He graded my paper	<i>The grading of the paper</i>

Here's an example of how employing too many nominalizations can kill a perfectly good sentence:

The discovery of a new world by Columbus was originally flawed by the fact that he thought the Americas was India.

Columbus discovered a new world, but he didn't realize it at first: He thought he was landing in India.

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