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## Language – Nouns & Nominalisation

### Starter:

From memory, can you remember which prepositions go into these spaces?

1. Mr Greene's symptoms are suggestive of a UTI.
2. Do you ever get nervous about speaking in public?
3. Ms Iqbal is eligible for benefits.
4. Would you like to get involved in our latest project?
5. I am really angry about my test results.
6. Are you good at speaking English?

### Some information about nouns...

- Nouns are always subjects or objects in sentences
- Nouns can be more than one word – we call this a compound noun or a noun phrase
- Nouns can be gerunds – verb + ing

#### Examples:

'Swimming' can be a verb...

Verb: I am swimming. (subject + be + verb + ing)

But it can also be a noun...

- **Gerund:** Swimming is good for you / A good exercise is swimming.
- **Noun phrase:**
  - Subject:** Swimming in the sea is dangerous.
  - Object:** I tell people to avoid swimming in the sea
- **Compound noun:** Freshwater swimming is good for you.

## Compound Nouns

### Exercise 1

What are these sentences describing?

- 1) the woman who gave birth to my wife: **mother-in-law**
- 2) a house which has been painted green / a place to grow flowers: **greenhouse**
- 3) a tool you use for blood to enter and leave the body: **blood syringe / intravenous cannula / dialysis machine / blood transfusion set**
- 4) a place where you catch trains in London / a place which is below the surface of earth: **underground / train station**
- 5) what you wear to protect your eyes in summer: **sunglasses**
- 6) where you sit comfortably to watch TV: **living room / comfy chair / armchair / sitting room**

#### Compound nouns with numbers:

**Don't pluralise the noun inside a compound noun**

**Do use a hyphen between the number and the noun**

- Mr Smith went on holiday for 3 weeks.
- *Mr Smith had a three-week holiday.*
  
- My baby was born 6 months ago.
- *I have a six-month-old baby.*
  
- The project I am working on will last for 3 years.
- *I am working on a three-year project.*