

Practice

1 Each sentence below can be improved using one of the text features in this unit. Decide which text feature in A–D could apply to each sentence. Then rewrite the underlined section, as in the example.

A Nominalisation B Parallel structures C Formality D Adverbs

0 Ladies and gentlemen, please take your seats quickly as the next poetry reading is gonna kick off in five mins exactly.

C... will start/commence in precisely five minutes

1 Despite being successful in a commercial sense, Grisham's last novel failed to receive critical acclaim.

2 To write a successful first novel is surprising, to write a second is astonishing, but writing a third is near impossible!

3 Arnold Makepeace was selected as the new Professor of Literature, which surprised everybody.

4 Only once in a while does a biography this good come along: it's a truthful account, it's a sympathetic perspective, the story is also gripping.

5 It appears that the government is considering the extension of VAT to books.

6 Several biographies of Princess Diana were published very soon after her death. This was considered tasteless by many people.

7 As handling the books while consuming food and drink can damage them, customers mustn't bring food and drink into the shop.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Each extract either contains incorrect or inappropriate vocabulary or grammar, or would be more appropriate if nominalised. Correct each extract, using the clues in brackets to help you. **5.03** Listen and check.

0 (formality)

Dave – I'm off to Mum's for the weekend. Don't forget to ^{switch on} activate the burglar alarm if you go out! See you Monday. Love Jane

2 (parallel structures)

- Swimming in the morning and skiing in the afternoon.
- Dining on seafood in the evening and to fall asleep to the sound of lapping waves at night.

There's nowhere like **Andalucia!**

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1 (adverb)

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL excavations have revealed some facts that were previously unknown about the Roman city. We've heard that even the smallest of houses had some kind of weapon store.

3 (nominalisation)

When we arrived in the centre of Athens, there was a large crowd of strikers and riot police. The crowd and the riot police seemed quite threatening, so we got back on the metro and went back to the hotel.