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WRITING TIP

GRAMMAR: If you want to make your writing sharper and more concise, reduce your use of zombie nouns (more formally known as nominalizations). These are verbs, adjectives, and other types of speech that have been converted into nouns, zapping them of their energy. You can restore their force. To start, circle all of the words your in manuscript that end in *-ion*. Now change them back to their active state and revise the sentence accordingly. For example: evasion ⇒ evade, regulation ⇒ regulate, amplification ⇒ amplify, deprivation ⇒ deprive. More about zombie nouns can be found in [this TEDEd video](#).

KEEP READING

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WRITING CAFÉ

Open every Friday in May from 9am-11am: Writing Café is a quiet space where writers can gather to work on individual writing projects. It is located in room 200A of Scott Library. Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like. All you need to bring is your laptop (or just a pad of paper).

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- Visit the **Writing Center** on the web: <http://www.jefferson.edu/university/teaching-learning/writing-center.html>