

### Verb Replacement

Reduce the informality of the sentence by choosing **a single verb** to replace the one in *italics*. Note that you may need to add tense to the verb from the list. Write down any other single verbs that you think could also work in the sentences.

1. The six leading causes of death in the U.S. are mainly *brought on* by overeating, a lack of exercise, and cigarette smoking. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Scientists are *looking into* innovative ways to combat AIDS. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The purpose of this paper is to try to *figure out* what is lacking in our current understanding of corrosion. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Researchers have recently *come up with* hybrid vehicles that use a fuel-cell engine and battery-assisted power train. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Rice and aquatic products *make up* a major part of the diet of the people in Vietnam. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The use of touch-screen voting systems could *get rid of* many problems associated with traditional paper-based ballots. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Worldwide consumption of pesticides has *gone up to* 2.6 million metric tons. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Although labor unions in the U.S. have been able to *keep up* their membership numbers over the last two decades, they have been losing their political strength. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The number of mature female green turtles that return to their primary nesting beach has *gone down* from 1280 ten years ago to 145 today. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency *looks over* nearly 25,000 export license applications to make sure that no equipment or materials are sent to places where they could be used to make advanced weapons. \_\_\_\_\_

### Replacing Verbs

Reduce the informality of each sentence by substituting a single verb for the one in *italics*. **In each case, try to find two or three possibilities and be prepared to discuss them.**

1. Researchers have *come up with* a number of models to describe the effect of certain beverages on dental enamel erosion.
2. AIDS researchers have *run into* a variety of unexpected problems in their efforts to develop a vaccine.

3. Recent studies on car scrapping have *brought up* the important question as whether CO2 emissions can be significantly reduced.
  4. Problems with this policy soon *showed up* after its implementation.
  5. In the past five years many studies have *looked at* the effect of different grassland management practices.
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### Replacing Nouns and Other Parts of Speech

The phrases that need to be changed are already italicized. Replace the italicized phrases so that the sentence is more suitable for an academic setting.

1. The competition faced by U.S. growers from imports of Mexican fresh vegetables *has gotten more intense*.
2. Many urban areas *do not have enough* land to build new public schools.
3. Allergic reactions to local dental anesthesia *do not happen very often*.
4. The doors on these ferries were *made bigger to make it easier to load and unload* vehicles.