

## Spelling: Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The suffixes **-tion** and **-sion** both make a 'shun' sound.

Certain rules are helpful when choosing the correct ending to put at the end of a root word.

The suffix **-tion** means 'the act of'. For instance, digestion means 'the act of digesting'.

Rules for adding the suffix **-tion**:

If a word ends in an **t** or **te** you must drop the **t** or **te** before adding 'tion'.

The suffix **-sion** means 'the state of'. For example, conclusion means the 'result of concluding'.

There are about 50 words in common use that end in **-sion**.

Most verbs change their endings in order to add the suffix.

**-sion** is used when the root word ends in **-se** or **-d**, **-de**, **-l**, **-r**, **-s** or **-t**.

If the word ends in **-d**, **-de**, **-l**, **-r**, **-s** or **-t** you must drop the letter and add 'sion'.

Exceptions:



With any spelling rules there are always exceptions and some words that end in 'shun' just need to be learnt. Always check with a dictionary when you are unsure.

Some familiar exception words include cushion, fashion, Asian, Russian and ocean.

### Spelling List

1. invention
2. injection
3. creation
4. direction
5. completion
6. tension
7. invasion
8. explosion
9. expansion
10. position
11. mention
12. question

Remember to: Look, Cover, Spell, Check

Use the words in sentence to show you understand the meaning and you can use them in context.