

Mastering the Suffixes: -ation, -sion, and -ssion

Learning objective: To identify and apply spelling patterns for words ending in the suffix -ation, -sion, and -ssion, and to understand how these suffixes change verbs into nouns.

Read the word bank carefully. Use your knowledge of root words and spelling rules to complete the activities below. Remember: if the root word ends in 't' or 'te', it often takes the -ation suffix.

Word bank: information · attraction · television · permission · decoration · confession · expansion · imagination

1. Max the monkey is sorting words. Select two words from the bank that contain the suffix '-ation' and write them in a sentence that explains why you think the suffix was added to the root word. (2 marks)

2. Kit the fox needs help with his logic. Explain why 'television' ends in '-sion' rather than '-tion'. Consider the root word 'televise' and how the final letter changes. (2 marks)

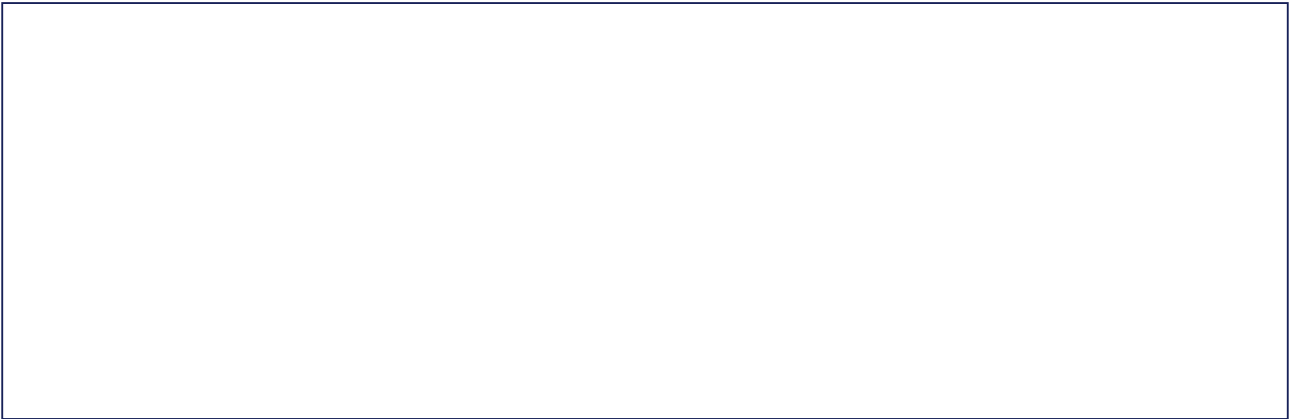
3. Convert the following verbs into nouns by adding the correct suffix (-ation, -sion, or -ssion): 1) Discuss -> _____, 2) Inform -> _____, 3) Exclude -> _____. (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why is it important to check the root word before deciding whether to use '-sion' or '-ssion' when spelling a noun? (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the suffixes '-ation' and '-sion'. How do they change the meaning of the original verb? (2 marks)

6. What might happen if we removed the suffix from the word 'imagination'? Does the remaining word still make sense as a noun? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Suffix Machine' invented by Kit the fox. Show root words going into a funnel and the new, longer words with '-ation' or '-sion' suffixes coming out the other side.



Extension challenge: Write a short, creative paragraph (4-6 sentences) about a trip to a space station. You must include at least four words ending in -ation, -sion, or -ssion. Underline these words in your final piece.