

Spelling the **shun** sound

Take -tion words apart, practise them, then hunt for patterns.



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LEARNING GOAL

I can spell words that end with the shun sound using -tion.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- ☐ I can split a -tion word and find its tricky part.
- ☐ I can write each word from memory and check it.
- ☐ I can use -tion words in my own sentences.

1 Meet the rule

THE RULE

When you hear **shun** at the end of a word, it is usually spelt **t i o n**.

No s, no h: the letters ti make the sh sound.

WORD DISSECTION

ac | **tion**

A Syllables

ac + tion = 2 claps

B Root + suffix

act + ion = action

C Tricky part

tion says *shun*

2 Look, say, cover, write, check

7 words

Look Say Cover Write Check and tick

Slide a card over the word and your earlier tries before each go.

LOOK AND SAY	TRY 1	TRY 2	TRY 3
action	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐
station	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐
fiction	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐
motion	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐
nation	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐
fraction	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐
solution	_____ ☐	_____ ☐	_____ ☐

3 Pattern hunt

10 words

Look just before -tion. Mark: ☐ circle -ation — underline -ction ☐ box -otion ☐ leave others

action station fiction motion nation section fraction mention potion solution

Most common ending: _____ Two words that fit none: _____ and _____

Put your -tion words to work



4 Use it in a sentence

4 marks

Write one sentence for each word. Start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

station

We waited at the ...

fraction

A half is a ...

potion

The wizard made a ...

solution

Our solution was ...

5 Spot the mistake

4 marks

Each sentence has one word spelt wrongly. Circle it, then write it correctly.

- a The train was late, so we waited at the stashun for an hour. _____
- b My favourite ficshon book is about a dragon who loves maths. _____
- c We found the solushion to the puzzle at the very last minute. _____
- d The whole nashon cheered when the team won the cup. _____

MEMORY TRICK

Invent one for your hardest word.

Example: the **t** in -tion is **top** secret: it hides the **sh** sound.



GO FURTHER: BUILD LONGER WORDS

re + action = _____

sub + traction = _____

nation + al = _____

pro + motion = _____

Find a -tion word with **four** syllables:

How do I feel about spelling -tion words?



Not yet



Getting there



Got it