

Guidance on spelling focus January and February Y5 and 6

Learning objective: to spell words with the suffix tion/sion/ssion/cian.

What are they?

Root word = a word that makes sense on its own (so in persuasion, persuade is the root word and sion is the suffix).

Suffixes = a small unit of a word that is added to the end of a root word that changes the status of the word e.g. from a verb (discuss) to a noun (discussion).

What are the patterns?

sion: (usually) added to verbs that end in “de/d” or s/se e.g. divide (division), persuade (persuasion).

ssion: added to verbs that end in ss e.g. discuss (discussion), possess (possession).

tion: added to verbs that do not follow the above patterns e.g. add (addition), inform (information), invite (invitation). Most verbs, when changed to a noun add the suffix **tion**

cian: changes the meaning of nouns to professions e.g. music (musician), politic (politician), electric (electrician).

Ask your child to explain the rules!

Homework spelling activities

1. **Activities for the week commencing 13th January are to find words with the suffix “tion” and “cian”. Please bring the words into school as we use them in lessons (on Thursday), and keep a copy.**
2. **Activities for the week commencing 20th January are to find as many words as possible with the suffix “sion” and “ssion”. As above, please bring the words into school on Thursday, and keep a copy.**
3. **Activities for the week commencing 27th January are to use cards to separate the words the children have found (in weeks one and two) into root words and suffixes e.g. invite + tion, discuss + ssion, invade + sion, optic + cian. Mix these up and play a pairs game. This will help the children remember the spellings (note, as with other suffixes, the “e” is dropped when the suffix is added).**
4. **Activities for the week commencing 3rd February are to use the cards made to play snap games. Play games online.**
5. **Activities for the week commencing 10th February are to use the words from the first two weeks to put into sentences e.g. *The electrician turned on the musician’s microphone.***

Online games

Sites are www.woodland-juniors.co.uk (follow link to Literacy and word level) and www.bbc.co.uk/schools (follow links to primary/ Literacy/ spelling). We can print out sheets for your child if you have no internet access.

Your child could work independently once you have asked them to complete a task or alternately work with you. **Please note the words that the children bring into school are used for spelling activities in English lessons so it is important the children remember to bring them in.**

Example words

Examples of common words with *tion*, *sion*, *ssion* and *cian* suffixes. This is not an exhaustive list, the *tion* suffix in particular is very common.

tion	sion	ssion	cian
invitation	invasion	discussion	physician
addition	division	expression	optician
subtraction	persuasion	profession	magician
multiplication	evasion	possession	politician
proposition	explosion	oppression	electrician
deduction	collision	admission	beautician
direction	confusion	confession	mathematician
pollution	exclusion	percussion	technician
exhaustion	dimension	succession	paediatrician
limitation	confusion	omission	clinician
deprivation	television	compression	logician
complication	revision	depression	statistician
dedication	erosion	recession	tactician
celebration	aversion	permission	
qualification	revulsion	compassion	