



Read Write Inc. Spelling 3

Unit 6: Adding **-ation** to verbs to form nouns

President Alpha

Welcome, Earthlings! You are about to enter the Spelling Zone. Our Star Speller for today is... Zeta!

Zeta

Hello, earthlings. I've been rather busy this week making preparations for a visiting superstar, Ozzy Cosmic. You wouldn't believe the demands he makes. Look at this spacemail from his manager.

Pre-performance information

My client, Mr Ozzy Cosmic, is an intergalactic singing sensation and therefore the following demands must be met before he performs in the Spelling Zone Arena:

1. There must be no limitation on tickets for Mr Cosmic's friends and family.
2. The audience must show their admiration of my client's performance by stamping and whistling as well as clapping.
3. Mr Cosmic's dressing room must have an excellent ventilation system as he is prone to dry coughs.
4. Mr Cosmic is unable to resist the temptation to eat chocolate. Please supply 15 packs of his favourite 'Meteor-eat' chocolate bars in his dressing room.
5. Mr Cosmic expects to be treated with adoration wherever he goes.

What a nightmare!

Did you notice how many words ending in **-a-t-i-o-n**, **ation**, the manager used?

-ation is an ending that can be added to lots of words. It sounds like **ay** and **shun**, doesn't it? Now you say **-ation**.

We can add **-ation** to some verbs to change them into nouns.

If the verb ends in a consonant we just add the suffix:

inform + **ation** information

Here is an example sentence I made up using these words. Ahem!

You must **inform** the police at once! Give them all the **information** you have.

But if the verb ends in **e** we must **drop** the **e** before adding **-ation**:

adore + **ation** = adoration



Here they are in a sentence:

I **adore** my new puppy, and he looks at me with **adoration**, too.

Let's see some word building. Keep a look out for any changes to root words.

root word	root word + suffix -ation OR drop the e before adding -ation
inform	information
limit	limitation
sense e	sensation
admire e	admiration
prepare e	preparation

Oh, a Weird Word Warning!

Weird Word Warning! There are some words that contain **-ation** as part of the root word and not as a suffix.

For example:

station

nation

That's all from me today, Star Spellers. Keep spelling!

President Alpha

You are about to leave the Spelling Zone. Take your new spelling knowledge with you. Goodbye, Earthlings...