



## Read Write Inc. Spelling 3

### Unit 9: Adding the suffix **-ion**

#### President Alpha

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

#### Zeta

Hello. Mu has been helping me to find out more about your Earthling music as part of my music **education** project. In the space **station** Museum, Mu found an amazing **collection** of something you call CDs and a funny **invention** called a wireless Hi-Fi system. We managed to get it working and I must say, I can now understand the **attraction** of Earthling music. I might even sing an Earthling song when I perform at President Alpha's birthday **celebration**.

Anyway, I do hope you noticed that I've just used rather a lot of words where the ending sounds like **shun** because they are the focus for today's spellings.

Let's have a look at the words I used and a few others where the ending sounds like **shun**.

Let's do My turn/Your turn. I'll say the words first, then you say them. Remember to say **shun** on the final syllable.

After three: one, two, three... Go!

**education**  
**collection**  
**invention**  
**attraction**  
**celebration**  
**action**  
**exaggeration**

The suffix is **-i-o-n**, **un**, but when we add **-ion** to verbs ending in **t** or **te**, the new ending sounds like **shun** and is spelt **-tion**. Let's find out more.

Lots of verbs end in **t** or **te**.

Let's do My turn/Your turn and say these verbs:

collect**t**  
invent**t**  
exaggerat**te**  
concentrat**te**



If the verb ends in the letter **t** we just add **-ion**:  
collect**t** + **ion** = collection

Here's an example sentence I made up using this word.  
Who wants to see my football card **collection**?

But if the verb ends in **te** we must **drop** the **e** before adding **-ion**:  
concentra**te** + **ion** = concentra**tion**

Here's another example sentence:  
Let me **concentrate** while I count my football cards. 467... or is it 468?  
Oh, I've lost my **concentration**!

Let's see some word building:

root word	root word + suffix -ion OR drop the <b>e</b> before adding -ion
correct <b>t</b>	correc <b>tion</b>
attract <b>t</b>	attrac <b>tion</b>
construct <b>t</b>	construc <b>tion</b>
locate <b>te</b>	locat <b>ion</b>
concentra <b>te</b>	concentra <b>tion</b>
exaggera <b>te</b>	exaggera <b>tion</b>

Exaggerating the sounds of the trickiest part of a word can help you to spell it. Like this: a-c-ti-o-n.

Remember:  
When you say words aloud ending in **-tion** say shun.  
When you spell words ending in **-tion** say the sounds **ti o n** in an exaggerated way.

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...