



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**
exaggerate**te**
concentrate**te**



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

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**:
concentrate**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 e before adding -ion
correct t	correc tion
attract t	attra tion
construct t	construc tion
locate te	locat ion
concentrate te	concentra tion
exaggerate te	exaggerat ion

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