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### Words Ending in *-sion* and *-tion*

Spelling words with the suffixes *-sion* and *-tion* can be difficult. Learning to find the base word will help you choose between an *-sion* or *-tion* spelling.

**Example:** separation

**Base Word:** separate

**Example:** expression

**Base Word:** express

A base word ending in *t* will usually take a *-tion* ending. A base word ending in *s* will usually take an *-sion* ending.

**Add the suffix *-sion* or *-tion* to the following base words to make new words. If the base word ends in *e*, be sure to drop the *e* before adding the ending.**

1. decorate \_\_\_\_\_

5. act \_\_\_\_\_

2. affect \_\_\_\_\_

6. complicate \_\_\_\_\_

3. educate \_\_\_\_\_

7. profess \_\_\_\_\_

4. inspect \_\_\_\_\_

8. discuss \_\_\_\_\_

**Some words with these suffixes do not have base words that end in *s* or *t(e)*. Add the suffix *-sion* or *-tion* to the words below.**

9. pronounce \_\_\_\_\_

11. describe \_\_\_\_\_

10. decide \_\_\_\_\_

12. conclude \_\_\_\_\_

**Some words with suffixes *-sion* and *-tion* have no stand-alone base word. Fill in the following blanks with *s* or *t* to make a word you know.**

13. NA \_\_\_ ION

17. MO \_\_\_ ION

14. QUES \_\_\_ ION

18. FRAC \_\_\_ ION

15. MAN \_\_\_ ION

19. CAP \_\_\_ ION

16. ATTEN \_\_\_ ION

20. OCCA \_\_\_ ION