



Suffix -ION Spelling Guide



When the root word ends with MIT
the last T is dropped and the letters SS are added before the suffix ION.
[-SSION]

The **verb permit** becomes the **noun permission**.

• I can't go into the teacher's lounge at school. Students don't have **permission** to enter.

The **verb submit** becomes the **noun submission**.

• Remember, the deadline for the poetry contest is next Monday. All **submissions** must be made before then.

When the root word ends with T we just add the suffix ION.

The **verb act** becomes the **noun action**.

• Words aren't enough, we need to take **action**.

The **verb intuit** becomes the **noun intuition**.

• Even when things look safe sometimes our **intuition** tells us to be careful.

*Some verbs ending in T will use add the AT before ION. [-ATION] See them here

When the root word ends with SS we just add the suffix ION.

The **verb possess** becomes the noun **possession**.

• Having people you love in your life is more important than **possessions**.

The **verb oppress** becomes the noun **oppression**.

• The country was known for its **oppression** of minorities.

When the root word ends with TE - the E is dropped before the suffix ION.

The **verb translate** becomes the noun **translation**.

• I think there are a few mistakes in this **translation**.

The verb **imitate** becomes the noun **imitation**.

• This bag looks like a Luis Vitton but it's just a cheap **imitation**.

When the root word ends with BE - the BE is dropped and we add the letters PT before the suffix ION. [-PTION]

The verb **describe** becomes the noun **description**.

• Most YouTube videos have useful links in their **description**.

The verb **prescribe** becomes the noun **prescription**.

• My doctor gave me a **prescription** for some medicine to help my sore throat.

When the root word ends with VE - the VE is dropped and we add the letters PT before the suffix ION. [-PTION]

The verb **deceive** becomes the noun **deception**

• It's a romance story set in the turn of century England, full of lies and **deception**.

The verb **receive** becomes the noun **reception**

• Young children tend to find wedding ceremonies boring, but the **reception** is more fun for them. Lots of food and music.

When the root word ends with OLVE - the VE is dropped and we add the letters UT before the suffix ION. [-UTION]

The verb **evolve** becomes the noun **evolution**

• **Evolution** explains how life changes over time due to pressures from the environment.

The verb **resolve** becomes the noun **resolution**

• The United Nations will come to a **resolution** next week.

When the root word ends with AIM -add the letters AT before the suffix ION. [-ATION]

The verb **exclaim** becomes the noun **exclamation**

• Using too many **exclamation** points in a formal email does not look professional.

The verb **proclaim** becomes the noun **proclamation**

• President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation **Proclamation** in 1863, freeing all American slaves.

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When the root word ends with IFY - the Y is changed to an I and we add the letters CAT before the suffix ION. [-CATION]

The verb **certify** becomes the noun **certification**

• I passed a professional cooking **certification** test so now I can work in a high-class restaurant.

The verb **notify** becomes the noun **notification**

• You will receive an email **notification** next week.

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When the root word ends with IZE - the E is dropped and we add the letters AT before the suffix ION. [-ATION]

The verb **authorize** becomes the noun **authorization**

• You need special **authorization** to view classified government documents.

The verb **generalize** becomes the noun **generalization**

• Each person is unique and different. I try not to make **generalizations** about groups of people that are different from me.

***NOTE - They're all there are several verbs that take -ATION as a suffix to make nouns.**

Here are a few examples:

The verb **adapt** becomes the noun **adaptation**

• I really enjoyed the movie **adaptation** of the book. It was better than I thought it would be.

The verb **cancel** becomes the noun **cancellation** - Double the final L

• I can cancel my gym membership anytime. There are no hidden **cancellation** fees.

The verb **flirt** becomes the noun **flirtation**

• His nervous **flirtation** with the barista was obvious to everyone.

The verb **float** becomes the noun **flotation**

• In the event of an emergency, you will find a **flotation** device under your seats.

The verb **prepare** becomes the noun **preparation** - The final E drops.

• When my business became successful people thought I was lucky, they didn't see all the hard work and **preparation** I put into it.

The verb **repair** becomes **reparation** - The noun has a different syllable stress.

• After the misunderstanding, a sincere apology was the best **reparation**.

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The verb **starve** becomes the noun **starvation** - The final E drops.

• After 2 weeks lost at sea, the ship's crew was getting very hungry. **Starvation** was starting to set in.

The verb **tempt** becomes the noun **temptation**

• I completely stopped buying chocolate, there is none in my house anywhere. The **temptation** is too great for me.

Another Common Exception

The verb **suspect** drops the T to become the noun **suspicion**

• The suspect's story didn't sound true, increasing the detective's **suspicion** that he was guilty.



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