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

**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. N A \_\_\_ I O N    17. M O \_\_\_ I O N

14. Q U E S \_\_\_ I O N   18. F R A C \_\_\_ I O N

15. M A N \_\_\_ I O N   19. C A P \_\_\_ I O N

16. A T T E N \_\_\_ I O N   20. O C C A \_\_\_ I O N

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.