



# Rule 17: sion / tion



# Parent information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections:  
**1)** Explanation of the rule **2)** Examples of key words that fit the rule **3)** Opportunities to practise **4)** Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.
- The clue “If it ends in ‘**shun**’, shoot the **ti – on!**” is to remind pupils that the ‘**shun**’ sound is usually spelt ‘**tion**’.

# 1) Rule 17: Explanation



The **'shun'** sound at the end of a word is often spelt **'tion'** and the **'zhun'** sound is usually spelt **'sion'**.

If it ends in **'shun'**, shoot the **ti – on!**

**vision**      **explosion**      **occasion**

**nation**      **information**      **donation**

**THINK:** Listen carefully to the sound at the end of each word. Can you hear the two different sounds?



## 2) Rule 17: Examples



Remember: If it ends in 'shun',  
shoot the **ti** – on!

opttion

confussion

addittion

version

emottion

condittion

educattion

protecttion

occastion

THINK: Is the 'tion' or 'sion' spelling more common?

### 3) Rule 17: Practice



**Remember:** If it ends in 'shun',  
shoot the **ti** – on!

#### Starter

op \_\_\_\_\_

men \_\_\_\_\_

ver \_\_\_\_\_

sta \_\_\_\_\_

#### Challenge 1

selec \_\_\_\_\_

occa \_\_\_\_\_

popula \_\_\_\_\_

atten \_\_\_\_\_

#### Challenge 2

organisa \_\_\_\_\_

competi \_\_\_\_\_

conclu \_\_\_\_\_

conversa \_\_\_\_\_

**THINK:** How many other words can you create by putting prefixes before '**vision**'?

# 4) Rule 17: Further examples

## - tion

action	addition
lotion	ambition
motion	creation
nation	donation
option	fraction
potion	function
ration	location
caption	position
caution	animation
emotion	attention
fiction	condition
mention	direction
portion	education
station	infection

## - sion

vision  
 decision  
 division  
 television  
 version  
 occasion  
 conclusion  
 invasion  
 confusion  
 explosion  
 supervision  
 erosion  
 illusion  
 provision

## Exceptions

Some words ending in the 'shun' sound are spelt with 'sion'.

pension  
extension  
tension  
expansion

The word 'question' does not end with the 'shun' sound.

**TIP:** The word 'vision' is contained in many other words.

**NOTE:** The 'shun' sound spelt 'ssion' & 'cian' is covered in **Rule 22**.