



jog

draw

laugh

cook

play

work

sing

Verbs

shut

squeeze

slam

cry

A verb describes what a person or thing is doing or being.

listen

enjoy

















Nouns





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A noun is the name of a person, animal, place, thing or idea.



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Suffixes

A suffix is an 'ending', used at the end of one word to turn it into another word.

Example: use + less = useless (meaning without)

Example: use + ful = useful (meaning full of)



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-ation

It is important to understand the definitions of suffixes because they help us figure out the meanings of unknown words.

Think about the different words which can be created through adding the suffix —ation.

What do you think the suffix -ation means?

Words with the suffix—ation usually tell an action, a process or result.

More About Suffixes



-ation

You can change verbs into nouns by adding the suffix -ation.

expect + ation = expectation

Example:

I have to meet the expectation. This is what my teacher will expect.

Through adding the suffix -ation we have changed the verb 'expect' into the noun 'expectation'.

Sometimes the root word changes before the suffix is added.

circulate + ation = circulation

When we add suffixes beginning with vowel letters, the usual spelling rules apply.

More About Suffixes



Rule 1: When a word ends in a 'y', change to 'i' before the suffix —ation is added. Usually, a 'c' is also added after the 'i'.

Like this:

specify + ation = specification
qualify + ation = qualification
notify + ation = notification
multiply + ation = multiplication

Rule 2 - The silent — e at the end of a root word is dropped before adding — ation.

Like this:

explore + ation = exploration
declare + ation = declaration
customise + ation = customisation
accuse + ation = accusation

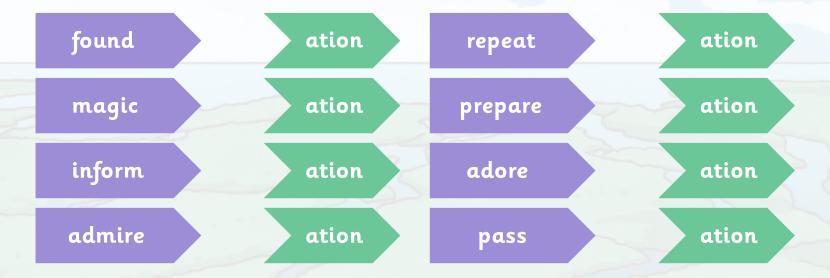
Rule 3: If the root word ends in 'ate', drop the 'ate' when —ation is added. Like this:

situate + ation = situation educate + ation = education hibernate + ation = hibernation locate + ation = location

More About Suffixes



Which of the root words match to the suffix -ation to make a new word? Remember the root word may need to alter when adding the suffix.



If you aren't sure which of the words are real, try looking them up in a dictionary.