

21 Non-fiction Vocabulary and spelling

- Spell words ending /shun/
- Learn about suffixes -ance and -ence

More suffixes

Words that end in **-tion**, **-cian**, **-ssion** all make the same /shun/ sound, in spite of their different spellings.

We add **-cian** to a base word to describe a person who works in a certain job.

Example: diet – dietician

We use **-tion** when the base word ends with the 't' sound.

Example: educate – education

We use **-ssion** when the base word ends with -ss.

Example: progress – progression

- A** Complete these words ending with the /shun/ sound with one of the following endings. If you are not sure, use a dictionary to help you.

-cian -ssion -tion

musi**cian** direction posse**ssion** correc**tion**

- B** Here are the definitions and root words of some words which end with the /shun/ sound. Write down the words which are being described.

- 1 A person who fixes electrical things. (electric) **electrician**
- 2 A place. (locate) **location**
- 3 Another word for an informal debate. (discuss) **discussion**

-ance or **-ence**

An adjective ending in -ant can change to make a noun ending in **-ance**.

Examples: brilliant – brilliance tolerant – tolerance

An adjective ending in -ent can change to make a noun ending in **-ence**.

Examples: different – difference magnificent – magnificence

- C** Form the correct noun from the adjectives.

absent **absence** significant **significance**

dominant **dominance** silent **silence**

