



# Word Endings — The 'shun' Sound

When it comes at the **end** of words, the 'shun' sound can be spelt in **different** ways.

fiction

expansion

admission

optician

'-tion' is used when the root word ends in 't' or 'te'.

act

action

'-cian' is used when the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs'.

clinic

clinician

'-cian' is often used for occupations e.g. 'physician'.

1

Underline the words below that are spelt incorrectly. Then write the correct spellings on the dotted lines.

mencian

hesitacian

politician

attencian

reduction

beautition

direction

physician

conversation

population

2 Draw lines from the word beginnings to the correct word endings.

musi-

invita-

fric-

mathemati-

opti-

comple-



Write the completed words in the box.



'-sion' is usually used when the root word ends in 'd', 'de' or 'se'.

televise → television

Careful — there are some exceptions to this rule.

'-ssion' is used when the root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit'.

discuss → discussion

3 Complete the words in these sentences using -sion or -ssion.

Our car crashed into a tree — it was a terrible colli.....

The teacher gave me permi..... to leave school early today.

It was a good deci..... to go to Spain for our holiday.

There was ten..... between the football fans after the match.

He came to the conclu..... that he should do more exercise.

It's an intru..... into my private life when my sister reads my letters.

4 Use the clues to work out each word ending in a 'shun' sound.

something you intend to do → i n [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

a person who can do magic → m a [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

a talk → d i s [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

something you might go to hospital for → o p [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

a person who works with electricity → e l [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

an answer to a problem → s o [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]



# Word Endings — The 'shus' Sound



When it comes at the **end** of words, the 'shus' sound can be spelt in **different** ways.

gracious

cautious

If the root word **ends** in '-ce', the 'shus' sound is usually spelt '-cious'.

space

spacious

1 Fill in the missing letter to **finish** each word correctly.

overcau.....ious

suspi.....ious

cons.....ious

atro.....ious

2 Fill in the **gaps** in the sentences below using the **correct** words from the box.

delicious / delitious

vicious / vitious

precious / pretious

fictitious / fictitious

Terry tells lies — his stories are .....

Sharks can be ..... creatures.

Dot thinks sprouts and cabbages are .....

Margery's jewellery is very ..... to her.

Not all the words  
in the box are  
spelt correctly.

3 Write a **sentence** using each of the following words.

infectious

.....

ambitious

.....

nutritious

.....

# Word Endings — The 'shul' Sound

When it comes at the **end** of words, the 'shul' sound can be spelt in **different** ways.

Be careful — not all 'shul' words follow these rules.

partial

← The '-**tial**' spelling is common after a **consonant**.

crucial

← The '-**cial**' spelling is common after a **vowel**.

- 1 Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.

My sister has the potential / potencial to be a pop star.

The local bakery had a spetial / special offer on their cakes.

Our personal data should be kept confidential / confidencial.

Darcey's inital / inicial response shocked the audience.

- 2 Write each of these words with the correct 'shul' ending.

mar- → .....

essen- → .....

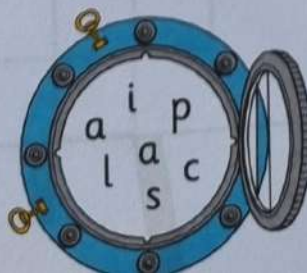
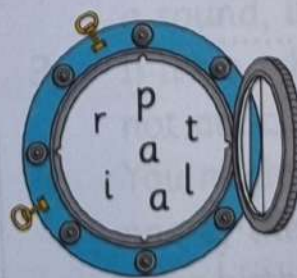
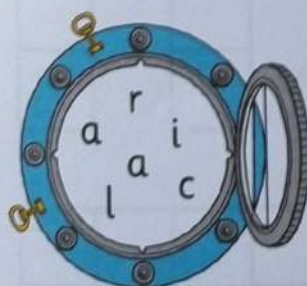
artifi- → .....

so- → .....

substan- → .....

influen- → .....

- 3 Sort the letters below into the right order to spell a word ending in a 'shul' sound.







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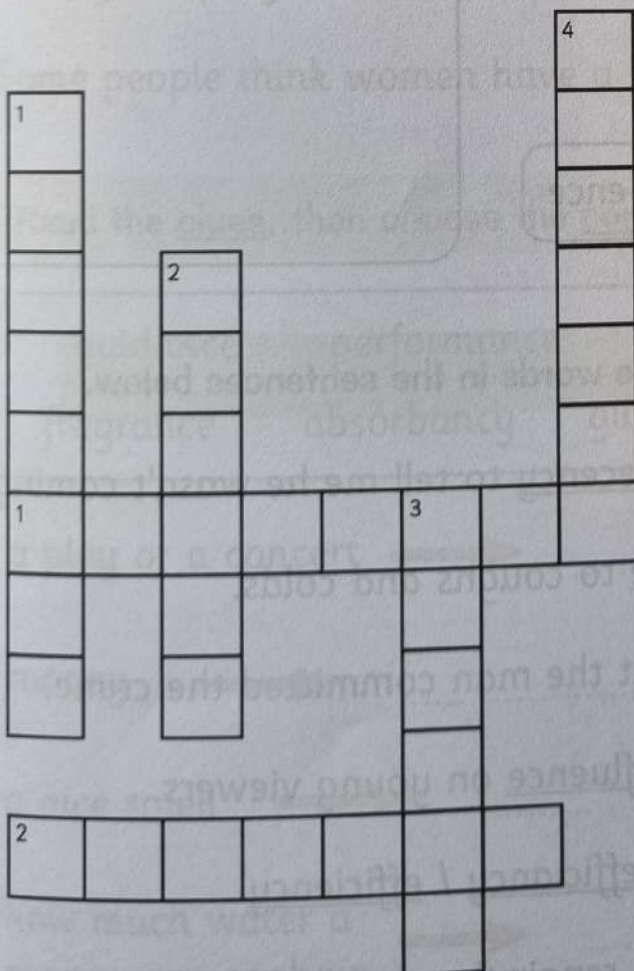
Some of the words in this passage are spelt incorrectly.  
Circle the incorrect words and write the correct versions in the box below.

My friend Billy made an interesting commant yesterday — he said that he's found a vacent plot of land owned by an independant building company. Billy wants to build a house on the land, but he can't because the land is in fact an anciant burial site and archeologists want to investigate the area.

4

Solve the clues to complete the crossword.

Tip: All the words end in 'ent' or 'ant'.



### Across

1. An animal with a trunk
2. A remark

### Down

1. If you don't do something on purpose, it's an...
2. When something doesn't make a sound, it's...
3. If it's a school day, but you're not at school, you are...
4. You might get one of these for your birthday or Christmas





# Word Endings — 'ance', 'ancy' and 'ence', 'ency'

Sometimes words ending in '-ance', '-ancy', '-ence' and '-ency' sound **similar**, but are spelt **differently**.

ambulance

residence

tenancy

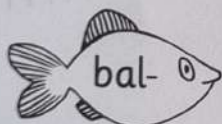
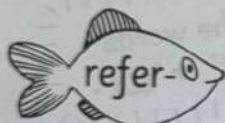
agency

Both the '-ance' and '-ence' endings sound like 'unce'.

Both the '-ancy' and '-ency' endings sound like 'uncy'.

1

Draw lines from the word beginnings to the correct word endings.



Write the completed words in the box.

-ance

-ence


2

Circle the correct spelling of each of the words in the sentences below.

Will didn't even have the decancy / decency to tell me he wasn't coming.

Paul has a high resistance / resistence to coughs and colds.

There was no evidance / evidence that the man committed the crime.

TV can have a negative influnce / influence on young viewers.

Navid completed the task with great efficiancy / efficiency.

There was great urgancy / urgency to repair the church roof.

The pupils' reliance / relience on spellcheckers worried the teacher.

3

Add -ance or -ence to spell the words below correctly.  
Then write the words out in full.

independ-



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intellig-



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subst-



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experi-



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4

Complete the words in these sentences using -ancy or -ency.

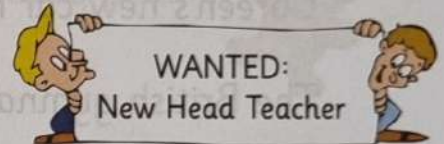
Huckleberry High School has a vac..... for a new head teacher.

In an emerg....., leave by the nearest exit.

Dogs can detect high frequ..... sounds.

During her pregn....., Helen's baby kicked a lot.

Some people think women have a higher life expect..... than men.



5

Read the clues, then choose the correctly spelt word from the box.

guidance	performance	fragrence	currency	currancy
fragrance	absorbancy	guidence	absorbency	performence

a play or a concert



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money



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a nice smell



.....

how much water a  
sponge can soak up



.....

help



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# Word Endings — 'able', 'ible', 'ably' and 'ibly'

Sometimes words ending in '-able' and '-ible' sound similar, but are spelt differently.

advisable

plausible

Words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly' can sound similar too, but can also be spelt differently.

memorably

impossibly

1 Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.

Boris was reasonably / reasonibly tired after the long journey.

Coreen's new car has an adjustable / adjustible headrest.

The British gymnasts weren't as flexable / flexible as the Chinese gymnasts.

The hot air balloon was incredably / incredibly light.

2 Draw lines from the words ending in -able and -ible on the left to the correct words ending in -ably and -ibly on the right.

considerable

comfortably comfortably

applicable

adoribly adorably

horrible

responsibly responsibly

responsible

relibly reliably

reliable

horribly horribly

comfortable

considerably considerably

adorable

applicably applicibly



3

Complete the words in these sentences using **-able**, **-ible**, **-ably** or **-ibly**.

The teacher said Felix's disruptive behaviour was not accept.....

Today it was sunny, then rainy — the weather is so change.....

The green mould on the icing made John's cake ined.....

During a fire drill, walk sens..... to the playing fields.

Rihanna's reason for being late was question.....

Hamid was terr..... upset when everyone forgot his birthday.

The volleyball team was understand..... thrilled to win the match.



Neil miser..... parted with his teddy bear.



4

Write a **sentence** using each of the following words.

enjoyable

.....

remarkably

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visible

.....

legibly

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accessible

.....



# Suffixes



A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters that can be **added** to the end of a **word** to make a **new word**.

'advert' is the **root word**.

advert



ise



advertise

'-ise' is a **suffix**.

Sometimes the **spelling** of the root word **changes** when a **suffix** is **added**.

happy



ly



happily

The 'y' in 'happy' **changes** to 'i' when the suffix '-ly' is added.

1

Add **-ous** or **-ly** to spell the words below correctly. Then write the words out in **full**.

fame



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angry



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humour



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scary



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Watch out — the **spelling** of some of these words needs to **change** when you add the **suffix**.

2

Put a **tick** in the boxes next to the words that are spelt **correctly**. Put a **cross** in the boxes next to the words that are spelt **incorrectly**.

simplify

☐

justiceify

☐

activeate

☐

memoryise

☐

criticise

☐

terrorify

☐

Write the **correct** spellings of the words you put a cross next to in the box below.



3 Draw lines to match the word beginnings to the correct suffix.

advert

decor

summar

class

hyphen

-ise

-ate

-ify

Nouns and adjectives  
often turn into verbs when  
suffixes are added to them.

Write the completed words in the box.

4 Complete the words in these sentences using -ate, -ise, or -ify.

The Prime Minister did not author..... Mr Smith to clean the bathroom.

I origin..... from Japan.

The pupils will not..... the teacher when they have completed their work.

Bruce and Violet are scientists — they special..... in human biology.

Travellers want to capital..... on cheap flights to Majorca.

5 Add the correct '-ise' or '-ify' ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.

sympath.....

horr.....

apolog.....