

## Lesson Thirty-seven The Suffix *-ion*

1 The suffix *-ion* used to turn verbs into nouns. Analyze each of the following nouns into verb plus *-ion*:

<b>Noun</b>	=	<b>Verb</b>	+ <b>Suffix</b>
concentration	=	<i>concentrat<del>e</del></i>	+ <i>ion</i>
subtraction	=		+
collection	=		+
communication	=		+
perfection	=		+
infection	=		+
invention	=		+
possession	=		+
supervision	=		+
appreciation	=		+

2 Try some the other way around. Add *-ion* to each of the following verbs to turn them into nouns:

<b>Verb</b>	+ <b>Suffix</b>	= <b>Noun</b>
<i>educat<del>e</del></i>	+ <i>ion</i>	= <i>education</i>
instruct	+	=
legislate	+	=
contribute	+	=
accommodate	+	=
constitute	+	=
express	+	=
demonstrate	+	=
restrict	+	=

<b>Verb</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Suffix</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Noun</b>
distribute	+		=	
decorate	+		=	
indicate	+		=	

3 You've seen that *-ion* is very often added to free stems — namely, verbs — to turn them into nouns. It is also often added to bound stems — again to turn them into nouns. Analyze each of the following nouns into bound stem and *-ion*:

<b>Noun</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Bound Stem</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Suffix</b>
occasion	=		+	
mention	=		+	
ambition	=		+	
recognition	=		+	
dimension	=		+	
fraction	=		+	
proportion	=		+	
fiction	=		+	
function	=		+	
precaution	=		+	

4 The suffix *-ion* is used to turn verbs into \_\_\_\_\_. It is also added to \_\_\_\_\_ to make nouns.