

SUFFIXES: -tion and -sion

You have previously learned -tion

-tion means: state of or result of (definition doesn't always apply)

Example: pollution means "result of polluting"

** words are nouns

The sound /shun/ is spelled TWO ways: -tion and -sion. If you aren't sure which to use, try -tion; -tion is the more commonly used form.

But if the original word ends in ss, the /shun/ sound is always spelled **-sion**.

-sion	confess	=	confession
	depress	=	depression
	discuss	=	discussion
	possess	=	possession

If you hear /zhun/ in a word, it can only be spelled **-sion**.

-sion	televise	=	television
	confuse	=	confusion
	precise	=	precision

(d change to s)	explode	=	explosion
	invade	=	invasion
	exclude	=	exclusion