

Maple Class, Year 4 Spelling, 19th January 2026

Learning Objective: words ending in -tion or -sion.

Success Criteria:

- I will know a range of ways to learn my spellings.
- I will be able to identify what is difficult to remember in one of these words and use a strategy that helps me most to help learn it.

Rule: The -tion suffix is used when a root word end in -t or -te.

Example: act ends in -t, so act becomes action.

Look	Trace	Copy 1	Copy 2
action	action		
collection	collection		
completion	completion		
creation	creation		
devastation	devastation		
direction	direction		
donation	donation		
infection	infection		
operation	operation		
pollution	pollution		

Rule: The -sion suffix is used when a root word end in -d, -de or -se

Example: invade ends in -de, so invade becomes invasion.

extension	extension		
inclusion	inclusion		
invasion	invasion		
revision	revision		
tension	tension		
television	television		
precision	precision		

Top Tips for learning a spelling:

1. Test yourself – how many do you know? Look at what you got right and what you got wrong. Often, people are wrong only because of one letter.
2. Learn your spellings using scrabble tiles. Pick out the letters to make the word. Mix them up and make the word from memory.
3. Look at the way colour has been used in the examples. The colour is used to pick out the rule. Write out your spellings using this two colour method.
4. Learn the rule. Make sure you understand it.
5. Make your own flashcards – learn three a day.

6. Spelling strategies for this year

Identify the graphemes in a word: special s - p - e - ci - a - l . . . - . .	Write each syllable of the word in a different colour. es - ti - mate	Identify the tricky bit in your word. Write it in a different colour. knee
Spelling graffiti Use a fancy font to spell the word. GRAFFITI	Look at the word, thinking about the shape. Close your eyes and see the shape outline. hippopotamus	Make up a mnemonic. rhythm Rhythm helps your two hips move