

SUFFIXES: -tion and -sion

B1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

The suffixes *-tion* and *-sion* change many verbs into nouns that name an action, process, or idea.

information

facts or details about something

invitation

a request to come to an event

question

something you ask to get information

education

the process of learning at school or university

decision

a choice you make

discussion

a conversation about a subject

permission

approval to do something

direction

the way someone moves or faces

2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. It was a difficult _____ to move to another city.

2. Please ask the teacher for _____ before you leave early.

3. Good _____ can help people find better jobs.

4. We need more _____ before we can make a choice.

5. I have a _____ about the homework.

6. After a long _____, the team chose a new plan.

7. She sent me an _____ to her birthday party.

8. The map showed the _____ to the museum.

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B1 | Discussion questions

1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

Try to use at least one word ending in -tion or -sion in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. What information do you usually check before travelling?

2. What makes a discussion useful?

3. What is a difficult decision you have made?

4. Why is education important?

5. When do people need permission?

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B1 | Teacher answer key

1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.

2 Gap-fill answers

1. It was a difficult **decision** to move to another city.

2. Please ask the teacher for **permission** before you leave early.

3. Good **education** can help people find better jobs.

4. We need more **information** before we can make a choice.

5. I have a **question** about the homework.

6. After a long **discussion**, the team chose a new plan.

7. She sent me an **invitation** to her birthday party.

8. The map showed the **direction** to the museum.