

SUFFIXES: -tion and -sion

B2 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

communication

the sharing of information or ideas

organisation

a group with a shared purpose

conclusion

a final opinion or decision

suggestion

an idea or plan offered for consideration

promotion

a move to a higher position at work

pollution

harmful substances in the environment

solution

an answer to a problem

tradition

a custom passed from one generation to another

2 Complete the sentences

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

1. This festival is an important local _____.
2. The report reached the _____ that more research was needed.
3. She received a _____ after working hard all year.
4. Clear _____ is essential when people work in a team.
5. The group found a _____ that everyone could accept.
6. The charity is an international _____ that supports children.
7. Air _____ is a serious problem in many large cities.
8. Thank you for your _____; we will consider it carefully.

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B2 | 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. How can teams improve communication?

2. What environmental solutions are most urgent?

3. What responsibilities do companies have to society?

4. Why are traditions important to some people?

5. How should people respond to useful suggestions?

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B2 | 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. This festival is an important local **tradition**.
2. The report reached the **conclusion** that more research was needed.
3. She received a **promotion** after working hard all year.
4. Clear **communication** is essential when people work in a team.
5. The group found a **solution** that everyone could accept.
6. The charity is an international **organisation** that supports children.
7. Air **pollution** is a serious problem in many large cities.
8. Thank you for your **suggestion**; we will consider it carefully.