

SUFFIXES: -tion and -sion

C1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

negotiation

formal discussion to reach an agreement

legislation

laws made by a government

intervention

action intended to improve a situation

implication

a possible effect or meaning

perception

the way someone understands something

succession

a series of people or events following one another

cohesion

the quality of forming a united whole

concession

something given up to reach an agreement

2 Complete the sentences

Use each word once. Change to the plural if needed.

1. Public _____ of the company changed after the scandal.

2. After several days of _____, both sides reached an agreement.

3. Team _____ improved after everyone understood the goal.

4. Early _____ can prevent a small problem from becoming worse.

5. Each side made a small _____ to complete the deal.

6. New _____ was introduced to protect personal data.

7. A _____ of small failures caused the system to stop.

8. The report considered the financial _____ of the proposal.

SUFFIXES: -tion and -sion

C1 | 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. Why does negotiation sometimes require compromise?

2. What implications can new technology have for society?

3. How can early intervention help in education or health?

4. Why can public perception change quickly?

5. What helps a team develop cohesion?

SUFFIXES: -tion and -sion

C1 | 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. Public **perception** of the company changed after the scandal.

2. After several days of **negotiation**, both sides reached an agreement.

3. Team **cohesion** improved after everyone understood the goal.

4. Early **intervention** can prevent a small problem from becoming worse.

5. Each side made a small **concession** to complete the deal.

6. New **legislation** was introduced to protect personal data.

7. A **succession** of small failures caused the system to stop.

8. The report considered the financial **implications** of the proposal.