

A Nouns ending in *-ion*

Can you **predict** the result of a football match?

No, it's very hard to make a **prediction**.

Someone's **invented** a way to clean plastic from the oceans.

That's a great **invention**!

Do you always **celebrate** your birthday?

Yes, I often have a small **celebration** with friends.

I have to **organize** my son's wedding.

Well, that will need careful **organization**.

Can you **describe** the criminal?

Yes, I can give the police a good **description**.

How do we **solve** the population problem?

I've got no idea. There's no easy **solution**.

We have to **decide** where to live.

That's a very important **decision**.

GLOSSARY

predict	say what you think will happen (make a) prediction <i>n</i>
invent	make, design or think of sth for the first time invention <i>n</i>
celebrate	do sth to show that you are happy for a special reason, or because it is a special day (have a) celebration <i>n</i>
organize	plan or arrange sth organization <i>n</i>
describe	say what sb or sth is like, or what happened (give a) description <i>n</i>
solve	find the answer to a question or problem solution <i>n</i>
decide	choose sth after thinking about the possibilities (make a) decision <i>n</i>

SPOTLIGHT suffix *-ion*

Many verbs form nouns by adding a suffix, and *-ion/-tion/-sion/-ation* are very common.
predict/prediction **celebrate/celebration**
 Sometimes the ending of the noun changes.
solve/solution **decide/decision**
 Stress can also change. Use the APP to check the sounds and the stress.

1 Underline the main stress in each word. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

- **invent** ► **solution**
 1 **celebrate** **celebration**
 2 **describe** **description**

- 3 **predict** **prediction**
 4 **decide** **decision**
 5 **organize** **organization**

2 What words are being defined here?

- choosing something after thinking
 1 something somebody has made for the first time
 2 a time when you enjoy yourself for a special reason
 3 words that tell what somebody or something is like
 4 an answer to a problem
 5 a statement about what you think will happen
 6 planning or arranging something so that it is successful

decision

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from this unit.

- Can you describe what happened when the car hit the tree?
 1 It wasn't easy to make a _____, but in the end, we _____ to sell the car.
 2 We have to _____ the traffic problems quickly. The _____ is probably to have better trains and buses.
 3 I didn't see the man, so I couldn't give a good _____ of him.
 4 After the exams, the students go out and _____ all night.
 5 I think it was Tim Berners Lee who _____ the World Wide Web.
 6 My boss is _____ tomorrow's meeting. He's very bad at _____.
 7 The government has _____ that business will get better next year.
 8 The mobile phone is one of the most important _____ of the last fifty years.



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B Other noun endings

Verb / Noun	Example	Meaning (verb)
discover v discovery n	Herschel <i>discovered</i> the planet Uranus. Herschel <i>made an important discovery</i> .	find a place or thing that nobody knew about before
succeed v success n	They want the discussions to <i>succeed</i> . They want them to be a <i>success</i> .	do or get what you wanted to do or get
complain v complaint n	You need to <i>complain</i> to the manager. You should <i>make a complaint</i> .	say you do not like sth or are unhappy about sth
choose v choice n	I had to <i>choose</i> a gift for my sister. I <i>made a bad choice</i> .	decide which thing or person you want
think v thought(s) n	I was <i>thinking</i> about our next holiday. I <i>had a few thoughts</i> about our holiday.	have an opinion or idea about sth
arrange v arrangement n	I have <i>arranged</i> to see Jo tonight. I have <i>made an arrangement</i> with Jo.	make a plan for the future
argue v argument n	We <i>mustn't argue</i> about money. We <i>mustn't have an argument</i> .	talk angrily with sb because you do not agree
move v movement n	Something <i>moved</i> behind me. There was a <i>movement</i> behind me.	change place or position

SPOTLIGHT suffix -ment

The suffix **-ment** is also common in English: **advertise v / advertisement n** **improve v / improvement n**

4 Complete the table.

VERB	NOUN	VERB	NOUN
move	<u>movement</u>	discover	
.....	success		thought
arrange		argue	
choose		complain	

5 Circle the correct answer.

- When you dance, you make movements / *complaints* with your body.
- 1 She had *an argument* / *a movement* with her boyfriend last night.
 - 2 Did you make a *complaint* / *choice* to the waiter about the cold soup?
 - 3 I had a *discovery* / *thought* about the business: I think we should sell it.
 - 4 They thought the plan would fail, but in fact it was a great *success* / *arrangement*.
 - 5 The *arrangements* / *successes* for the wedding were really good – it went very well.
 - 6 They have made an important *discovery* / *thought* about the crime.

6 Complete the questions.

- Have you ever complained about bad service on buses or trains?
- 1 Have you ever made a c about noise to a neighbour?
 - 2 In a restaurant, do you c what to eat quickly?
 - 3 At school, did you have a c of different subjects?
 - 4 Do you a a lot in your family?
 - 5 Have you ever had an a with a shop assistant?
 - 6 Would you like to s in business?
 - 7 Is s the most important thing in life?
 - 8 Do you often have t about what to do in your future?

ABOUT YOU

Yes, often!

7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 6, or ask another student.



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