

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  to check the sounds and the stress.

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

► invent	► solution	3 predict	prediction
1 celebrate	celebration	4 decide	decision
2 describe	description	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

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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 **solution**, but in the end, we **decided** to sell the car.
- 2 We have to **organize** the traffic problems quickly. The **organization** is probably to have better trains and buses.
- 3 I didn't see the man, so I couldn't give a good **description** of him.
- 4 After the exams, the students go out and **celebrate** all night.
- 5 I think it was Tim Berners Lee who **invented** the World Wide Web.
- 6 My boss is **organizing** tomorrow's meeting. He's very bad at **organization**.
- 7 The government has **predicted** that business will get better next year.
- 8 The mobile phone is one of the most important **inventions** of the last fifty years.

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B Other noun endings

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

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



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