

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin
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Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: O

Word Work

Instructional Focus:
Suffix 'tion'

Background:
Verbs show action. Many verbs end in 't' or 'te'. To make these verbs into nouns, the 't' or 'te' is replaced by the suffix 'tion'. These nouns describe a state of being or a quality.

Examples:

Verb (ending in 't' or 'te')
act
erupt
calculate

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of *Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by Gene Barretta
- Suffix 'tion' Anchor Chart
- Marker
- Tape or Magnifying Glass
- Guess the Past Possessive Noun
- Optional - Word Detective Worksheet

Step 1: Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce Suffix 'tion'

- Tell students you will be talking about the suffix 'tion' today.
- Remind students that verbs show action.
- Direct the student's attention to the anchor chart that you have prepared in advance for this lesson. Point and read the four words under the verb column: infect, elect, celebrate, and locate.
- Say, "These words are all verbs. I know this because they show action. I need to make these verbs into nouns. Do you notice that all of the verbs end in a 't' or 'te'?"
- Point to the 't' at the end of the words infect and elect. Then point to the 'te' at the end of the words celebrate and locate.
- Say, "Let's look at the word infect. The top box in the middle column says to take away the 't' or 'te'. The word infect has a 't'. So, watch as I write the word infect in the box but I will subtract the 't'. I am left with 'infect'. I have one more step, which is to add the suffix 'tion.'" (Show students how you write 'infect' + 'tion' in the middle box). Continue and say, "Now, in the third box I will write the new word: infection. Infection is the new word, a noun."
- Repeat the same steps for changing the verb elect into the noun election.
- You will use the same steps for changing the verb celebrate into celebration and the verb locate into location. The only thing that is different is that the words celebrate and locate end in 'te'. The 'te' in both words will have to be subtracted.

Sample Anchor Chart

Verb	Remove the 't' or 'te'	New Word
infect	infect	infection
elect	elect	election
celebrate	celebrate	celebration
locate	locate	location

Suffix 'tion' in the Text

- Tell students that the book they will be reading today has some words with the suffix 'tion.'
- Show students page 1 of *Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin*. Tell the class to listen carefully and look at the words as you read. Instruct them to put their finger on their nose when they hear a word that has the suffix 'tion.'
- Read, "Now and then, we think about Ben, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, to be precise. And we think about his many inventions- inventions he originated more than two hundred years ago."
- After reading, ask the students to identify the word that ended with the 'tion' suffix (invention).
- Tell students you are going to read the book once from beginning to end.
- Read *Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin*.

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Step by Step Lesson Plan

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Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading (continued)

Suffix 'tion' in the Text
Some Examples of Suffix 'tion' in the Text:

- inventions
- illustrations
- ventilation
- combination
- sanitation
- constitution
- declaration
- contribution

Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Provide each student with the **Find the 'tion' Suffix** practice page.
- Read the directions while the students silently follow along.
- Direct students to independently complete the practice page.
- As students are working, walk around, observe, and provide support as needed.
- After 5 minutes, go over the answers with the students. Take this time to address any wrong answers.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Give each student a copy of **Finish the Chart** practice page.
- Read the directions with the class.
- Go over the example with the class.
- Tell students to complete the rest of the practice page.
- Monitor students as they work.

Step 5: Reconnect and Reflect on Word Work

Group Discussion

- Bring the students back together.
- Ask students to explain what they learned about words based on the work they completed.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their word work.
- Invite 2-3 students to share what they learned with the group.

Step 6: Extend Word Work (optional)

Extension Activity

- Ask students to be on the lookout for suffix 'tion' in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on an index card and add them to the pocket chart. Review the added cards with the class later in the day or before moving on to the next word work lesson.
- Alternatively, students can keep track of the words using the **Word Detective** worksheet.

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List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

Interactive Activity

Independent Practice Page

Find the 'tion' Suffix Practice Page

Directions:
Read each sentence and underline the word that has the suffix 'tion.'

- The mayor's calculation of the city budget was incorrect.
- My brother's infection should be gone by the weekend.
- The store's selection of school supplies was terrible.
- Principal Smith thanked the community for their monetary contributions.
- Which one of Ben Franklin's many inventions is your favorite?
- Grandma's reflection of last year's reunion brought laughter to the room.
- My friend brought her sticker collection to school.
- The wind blew down the creations I put up in my yard.
- My neighbor's holiday decorations were out of this world!
- The police officers' safety demonstration had to be rescheduled.

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Extension Activity

Finish the Chart Practice Page

Directions:
Complete the chart below. Use the example to help you.

Verb (ending in 't' or 'te')	Remove the 't' or 'te' and add 'tion'	New Word in a Sentence
ventilate	Ventilate - te = ventilate Ventilate + tion = ventilation	The ventilation in my house is great!
celebrate		
adapt		
donate		
predict		
illustrate		
notate		
suggest		

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Word Detective: Suffix 'tion' Extension Activity

Directions:
Be a word detective!
Be on the lookout for suffix 'tion' while you read. Write the words that you find along with the title of the book where you found the words, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Words	Book Title	Page

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