

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Word Work
St. Patrick's Day
By: Gail Gibbons
Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: O

Instructional Focus:
Suffix -tion and -sion

Background:
Many verbs can be turned into nouns by adding one of these suffixes make the /shun/ sound when they are added.

Examples:

action	location	direction	creation
invitation	subtraction	vacation	addition
education	reaction		

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of *St. Patrick's Day* by Gail Gibbons
- Chart paper
- Sticky notes
- Scissors
- Find the Root Word Worksheet (1 per student)
- Add the Suffix -tion or -sion Practice Page (1 per student)
- Optional - Word Detective (1 per student)

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Step 1: Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce Suffix -tion and -sion

- Prepare an anchor chart with the headings -tion and -sion.
- Draw students' attention to the chart.
- Write "collection" and "expression" on the chart.
- Ask the students, "What sound do these words have in common?"
 - They both make the /shun/ sound.
- Ask the students which letters in each word make the /shun/ sound and underline them.
 - Collection -tion
 - Expression -sion
- Explain that when -tion or -sion are added to a word then it changes the word from a verb to a noun.
- Ask students to identify the root word (verb) of collection. Collect is the root word and when it becomes "collection" then it is a thing (noun). Repeat with the word expression.
- Make two columns on the chart and invite students to share words that end with the /shun/ sound.

Sample Anchor Chart

-tion	-sion
collection	expression
action	discussion
direction	decision
invitation	invasion
vacation	confusion

Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading

Suffix -tion and -sion in the Text

- Explain to the students that there are a few examples of words ending with the /shun/ sound in the book *St. Patrick's Day*.
- Read page 13 and ask students to share which /shun/ word they heard (decorations).
- You may choose to reread the entire book or just pages 19 and 26. Explain to the students that you will read all or a few pages and ask them to raise their hand if they hear a word with the /shun/ ending sound.

Examples of the Instructional Focus

- Decorations
- Celebration
- Camation

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Step by Step Lesson Plan

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

Optional Activity to Extend Engagement

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Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Pass out a *Find the Root Word* worksheet to each student.
- Explain that they will be looking for the root word in each word given.
- Explain that many words will be easy to determine, but there are some tricky words. Most words ending with -tion have a root word that ends with t or te. However, the words ending in -sion may end with a letter s and se, but the tricky words will have root words that end with a de.
- As a class, review the first three words and identify the root words together.
- Allow students to work with a partner to identify the root words of the remaining words.
- Review the answers as a whole class and review the rules for each of the words follow.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Distribute *Add the Suffix -tion or -sion* practice page to each student.
- Read the directions to the class.
- Instruct the students to complete the worksheet.
- 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 and -sion in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on a sticky note and add them to the anchor chart (review the added sticky notes 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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Interactive Activity

Independent Practice Page

Find the Root Word Interactive Activity

Directions:
Write the root word (verb) next to each noun.

- Rotation _____
- Communication _____
- Conclusion _____
- Revision _____
- Creation _____
- Invasion _____
- Prevention _____
- Explosion _____
- Division _____
- Imagination _____

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Extension Activity

Word Detective: Suffix -tion or -sion Extension Activity

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

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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Add the Suffix -tion or -sion Word Work Practice Page

Directions: Add the suffix -tion or -sion to the root word next to the blank in each sentence.

- When the two girls mixed up their backpacks there was a lot of _____ (confuse).
- Rube Goldberg was a scientist that made many _____ (invent).
- Children go to school to get an _____ (educate).
- He had a sad _____ (express) on his face when he dropped his ice cream cone.
- When you get sick, then you most likely have an _____ (infect).
- If you give money to an organization for charity it is called a _____ (donate).
- Most families have a _____ (televise) to watch shows and movies in their spare time.
- It was hard to make a _____ (decide) about which vacation to take.
- The phone had a bad _____ (connect) and they couldn't hear each other.
- She could not stop thinking about soccer and it became her _____ (obsess).

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