

Words with Latin Suffixes

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Quick Review

Many English words end with LATIN suffixes such as -tion, -sion, -able, -ible, and -ous. Knowing how to read these endings helps you sound out long words and guess their meanings.

PRACTICE

Read each word or sentence carefully. Choose the **BEST** answer.

- How many syllables are in the word *action*?
 - one
 - two
 - three
 - four
- Which word ends with the suffix **-tion**?
 - nation
 - natural
 - narrow
 - nation's
- The suffix **-able** in *readable* means —
 - before
 - able to be (read)
 - without
 - again
- Which word means **full of fame**?
 - famous
 - famish
 - family
 - fade
- Read: *The story had a happy conclusion.* Which Latin suffix does **conclusion** end with?
 - tion
 - sion
 - able
 - ible



6. Which word is the BEST fit for the blank?

The crowd burst into _____ when the team scored.

- A. celebrate
- B. celebration
- C. celebrating
- D. celebrated

7. Which word means **full of danger**?

- A. dangerless
- B. dangerous
- C. endangering
- D. dangerable

8. Add **-tion** to *direct*. New word: _____

Answer: _____

9. Which word would you BEST use to describe a book that is easy to read?

- A. readiness
- B. reading
- C. readable
- D. reader

10. Read: *His joy was visible to everyone.* The word **visible** means —

- A. full of vision
- B. able to be seen
- C. without sight
- D. to vise something

11. Which word ends in a LATIN suffix?

- A. jumping
- B. marvelous
- C. biggest
- D. stop

12. Make the verb *act* into a NOUN by adding **-ion**: _____

Answer: _____



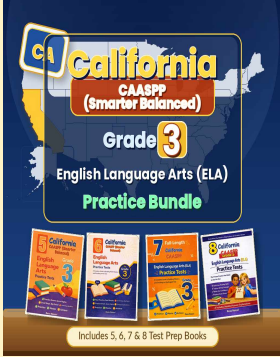
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| Explanations | |
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| 1. B | ac-tion = two syllables. -tion is its own syllable. |
| 2. A | Nation = na + tion. Natural ends in -al; narrow does not have -tion; nation's is a possessive form. |
| 3. B | Readable means "able to be read." The other meanings come from different word parts. |
| 4. A | -ous means "full of." Famous = full of fame. The others come from different roots. |
| 5. B | Conclusion ends with -sion. -tion is in words like "action"; -able/-ible are different endings. |
| 6. B | After "into" we usually use a noun. -tion turns the verb celebrate into the noun celebration. |
| 7. B | -ous = full of. Danger + -ous = dangerous. The others are not real words. |
| 8. direction | Direct + -ion = direction. The new word is a noun. |
| 9. C | Readable = able to be read. The others are different forms of the word. |
| 10. B | -ible = able to be. Visible = able to be seen. The other options confuse meanings of word parts. |
| 11. B | Marvelous ends in -ous. The others use English suffixes (-ing, -est) or no suffix. |
| 12. action | Act + -ion = action, a noun meaning the thing done. |



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