

# 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. endangerable
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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Answer Keys

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



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