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- These nouns often name jobs or hobbies, and show a person's skill.
- If the base word ends in **–c** just add **–ian**. For example: Music – musician.
- If the base word ends in **–cs** remove the **–s** before adding **–ian**. For example: Politics – politician, physics – physician.
- Other changes are also possible. For example: beauty – beautician.

Making –cian words.

Add the correct ending to the root words. *You may have to make other spelling changes too.

root word	noun	root word	noun
music	↻ musician	statistic	↻ statistician
beauty	↻ beautician	technique	
politics		obstetrics	
magic		optic	
mathematics		electric	
paediatrics		diet	

Words within words

How many words can you find hidden in **mathematician**? List as many as you can. What is the longest word you can make?

Revision of all nouns ending in –shun

Cushion and **fashion** are the only two common English words where the **sh** sound at the beginning of the last syllable is actually spelt **–sh**.

So, if the last syllable of a word starts with a **sh** sound, **DO NOT WRITE** –sh unless the word is fashion or cushion!

The most likely endings are shown below (most common first):

- -tion (action, friction, caution, perfection and hundreds more).
- -sion (explosion, precision, excursion, mansion, pension, version and about 40 more common words).
- -ssion (mission, permission, possession, passion and about 30 more words).
- -cian (musician, electrician, technician and about 12 more words).

Other less common ‘shun- endings:

- -sian (Asian, Persian, Russian, Caucasian).
- -xion (complexion, crucifixion).
- -cion (suspicion, coercion).
- -shion (fashion, cushion) see tip above.
- -cean (ocean, crustacean).

-sion or –tion?

Add the correct ending (-sion or –tion) to these words. Use a dictionary if you need to. For example: Conversation

Cap _ _ _ _	Crea _ _ _ _	Conclu _ _ _ _	Dona _ _ _ _
Explo _ _ _ _	Revi _ _ _ _	Frac _ _ _ _	Fu _ _ _ _
Suc _ _ _ _	Competi _ _ _ _	Man _ _ _ _	Ver _ _ _ _
Confu _ _ _ _	Popula _ _ _ _	Despera _ _ _ _	Illu _ _ _ _
Prepara _ _ _ _	Divi _ _ _ _	Por _ _ _ _	Ac _ _ _ _