

Words 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 words)
- 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)

Complete the sentences by adding 'shun' to the root word in brackets:

1. The _____ said I needed stronger glasses. (optic)
2. He needed a lot of _____ before he parted with his money.
(persuade)
3. We had to ask for _____ before we could use the printer. (permit)
4. I have enjoyed our _____ but I really must do some work. (converse)
5. Traffic was diverted because of a _____ on the motorway. (collide)
6. I get a great feeling of _____ when I complete all my work. (satisfy)
7. There was complete _____ when the fire alarm went off. (confuse)
8. We were having a large _____ built on the back of our house.
(extend)
9. The roadworks meant we had to go on a _____ to get home.
(divert)
10. "This is an _____ of my privacy!" shouted my brother. (intrude)