

Worksheet 1 – Sinbad the Sailor Changing Verbs into Nouns

The story Sinbad the Sailor originated many centuries ago. It is included in a collection of classic Arabic stories and has been a favourite children's tale for generations. This abridged version has been adapted from a translation in Tales from 1,000 Nights.

The 'shun' sound at the end of the underlined words from the *Sinbad the Sailor* excerpt above has been spelt in different ways **-tion** and **-sion**. Words that end with the suffixes *tion* and *sion* are usually nouns used to describe the 'act of' or 'state of' a particular verb.

Task 1: Use *tion* or *sion* to change the verbs in the table below into nouns.

Verb	Noun	Verb	Noun	Verb	Noun
adapt		discuss		modify	
add		divide		multiply	
amplify		elect		navigate	
assert		equate		operate	
celebrate		examine		persuade	
circulate		exclude		pollute	
collide		express		prepare	
complete		fuse		process	
conclude		graduate		qualify	
confess		identify		radiate	
confuse		imitate		react	
connect		impress		respire	
contribute		inform		satisfy	
decide		introduce		subtract	
depress		invade		supervise	
describe		irrigate		suggest	
direct		migrate		transmit	

Extension Activities:

- Did you know that the 'shun' blend can also be spelt **-cian**? This blend is usually used to name occupations e.g. *beautician* and *politician*. Can you think of any others?