



## Practising word endings

What do these words have in common? Tip: you need to say the word out loud.

**mention optician confusion**

When you say these words, the last syllable of each word sounds like 'shun' even though the end of each word is spelt differently.

**Fill in the missing words in the sentences below. Use the root word (in brackets) to help you complete the sentence. Each missing word should have a 'shun' ending when you say it out loud but you have to choose the correct spelling for the word.**

Here are some clues. (You might also find it helpful to discuss your answers with a friend.)

The word ending may be **-tion**. This is the most usual spelling for words with a 'shun' ending.

The word ending may be **-cian**. This ending is often used for occupations or jobs, eg electrician. The **-cian** ending also often comes after words ending in **-ic**, eg magic, magician.

The word ending may be **-sion**. This ending often comes after words that end in **-de**, such as 'explode': take off **-de** and add **-sion**. For words ending in **-se**, such as 'confuse', take off **-e** before adding **-ion**. When a word ends **-ss**, just add **-ion**, eg discuss, discussion.

1. Maria is very creative and this is her latest (product) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The baby was brought into the hospital as she was having a (convulse) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Who is your favourite (music) \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Ahmed has been complaining about his eyesight so I have suggested he makes an appointment to see an (optic) \_\_\_\_\_.
5. You should have seen the (express) \_\_\_\_\_ on his face when I said that he had won the prize!
6. I enjoy numeracy, especially (add) \_\_\_\_\_.