



Rule 22: cian / ssion



Teacher information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections: **1)** Explanation of the rule **2)** Examples of key words that fit the rule **3)** Opportunities to practise **4)** Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.
- **‘sion’** and **‘tion’** are covered in **Rule 17**.

1) Rule 22: Explanation

The 'shun' sound at the end of a word is can be spelt 'tion', 'sion', 'cian' or 'ssion' (*Rule 17*).

'cian' is often for occupations (jobs).

'ssion' is often used if the root word ends in 'ss', 'mit' or 'cede' / 'ceed'.

politician electrician magician

discuss > discussion admit > admission

succeed > succession concede > concession

2) Rule 22: Examples

THINK: Is it an occupation? **Choose 'cian'**.

Does the root word end in 'ss' , 'mit', 'cede' / 'ceed'? **Choose 'ssion'**.

musician

procession

politician

permission

succession

expression

optician

technician

commision

THINK: Which spelling of 'shun' has been used? Why?

3) Rule 22: Practice

THINK: Is it an occupation? Choose 'cian'.

Does the root word end in 'ss' , 'mit', 'cede' / 'ceed'? Choose 'ssion'.

Starter

opti_____

mi_____

pa_____

musi_____

Challenge 1

confe_____

magi_____

politi_____

aggre_____

Challenge 2

transmi_____

techni_____

expre_____

mathemati_____

THINK: Which other occupations end in 'cian'?

4) Rule 22: Further examples

- cian

musician
electrician
magician
politician
clinician
optician
technician
dietician
beautician
physician
mathematician

- ssion

mission
session
passion
impression
permission
expression
profession
discussion
confession
obsession
aggression
commission
transmission

Hint

The word '**mission**' is particularly useful to learn as it can be combined with many prefixes to make new words.

permission
emission
omission
submission
admission
transmission

NOTE: 'sion' and 'tion' are covered in Rule 17.