

## Word Endings

Complete the table.

root word	+ -ion/-ian	root word	+ -ion/-ian
complete		intervene	
discuss		apprehend	
extend		hesitate	
electric		mathematics	
confuse		express	

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invention	action	protection
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transmission	confession	admission
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expansion	tension	comprehension
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## Explanation and Examples

## Word Search

Find 5 **-ion/-ian** words in the grid and write them down.

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o	p	t	i	c	i	a	n	w	w	m	l
g	q	a	a	o	e	o	a	m	b	e	
m	y	l	c	f	q	z	e	w	r	j	
s	o	t	a	c	t	i	c	i	a	n	x
d	l	h	q	x	z	d	e	s	w	m	c
b	q	i	y	i	s	x	k	q	e	k	u
s	t	a	t	i	s	t	i	c	i	a	n
n	s	x	i	q	x	x	y	w	t	r	c
k	r	p	m	a	g	i	c	i	a	n	i

Which rule do these words follow?

generation	destination	foundation
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caution	collection
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Look, Cover and Write

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electric	<b>electrician</b>	mathematics	<b>mathematician</b>
confuse	<b>confusion</b>	express	<b>expression</b>

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 s o t a c t i c i a n x  
 d l h q x z d e s w m c  
 b q i y i s x k q e k u  
 s t a t i s t i c i a n  
 n s x i q x x y w t r c  
 k r p m a g i c i a n i

magician  
 physician  
 optician  
 statistician  
 tactician

Which rule do these words follow?

The root word ends in 'c' or 'cs', so the suffix is -cian.

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