
Focus Letter Pattern: TION

Lesson Difficulty Level: 5

There are approximately 4000 words in the English language containing the letters TION.

STEP 1: Using hints, work with your students to generate the following words and fill in the word work matrix. Be sure to define each word and use it in a sentence as you write it in the word-work matrix

1. NATION
2. MENTION
3. CAUTION
4. FRACTION
5. FICTION
6. EVOLUTION
7. ELEVATION
8. MOTION
9. EMOTION
10. DURATION
11. AFFECTION
12. AUCTION

STEP 2: When the word-work matrix is completed, have the students chant the words aloud 3 or 4 times to build rapid and proper pronunciation.

STEP 3: Quickly call out words at random, and have the students tell you what cell each word is in. For example, if you say DURATION, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say EVOLUTION, the students should say it is in box 6.

STEP 4: Read the following sentences aloud and have the students figure out what word belongs in the blank space:

The United States of America is a _____.

Stories that are made up are called _____.

One half is an example of a _____.

My mother gets upset when she thinks about moving, so don't _____ it.

I like almost everybody in my family, but I have very little _____ for my sister.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters TION. To make it more interesting, tell them you will be very impressed with students who come up with really unusual and sophisticated vocabulary words. See if the students come up with words like LOTION or AUDITION. If they can't, encourage them to simply modify one of the words you have already discussed with a prefix or a suffix or think of a compound word that contains one of the words from today's lesson.

STEP 6: Have the students generate an original sentence correctly using at least two of the words from the lesson.



Student Word-Work Worksheet

NAME: _____ FOCUS LETTERS: _____

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.

Write your OWN words that contain the letters _____:

Write a **grammatically correct** sentence using at least TWO of the words from the matrix above.

