

## Pip's Spelling Adventure: The Suffix Challenge

*Learning objective: To correctly spell words ending in the suffixes -ation, -sion, and -ssion, following Year 4 spelling patterns.*

Read the story about Pip the bookworm. Look closely at the highlighted words. Then, answer the questions below to show how well you can use these suffixes to change verbs into nouns.

Pip the bookworm was busy in the library. He had a great imagination, which helped him turn every book into a real-life adventure. Today, he was searching for information about the history of the forest. He asked his friends for permission to read their secret journals. They held a group discussion under the old oak tree. It turned into a lovely celebration of stories, with everyone sharing their favourite tales. Pip felt a sudden expansion of his vocabulary as he learned new, exciting words.

*Word bank: information · imagination · celebration · permission · discussion · confession · expansion*

**1. Identify the root verb for the word 'information'. What do you need to add to the end of the root to create the noun? (2 marks)**

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**2. Why did Pip need to ask for permission? Use the word in your own sentence. (2 marks)**

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**3. Look at the word 'discussion'. Which root verb does this come from? How does the spelling change when you add the suffix? (2 marks)**

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**4. Find and copy the word from the passage that describes Pip's ability to think of creative ideas. (1 mark)**

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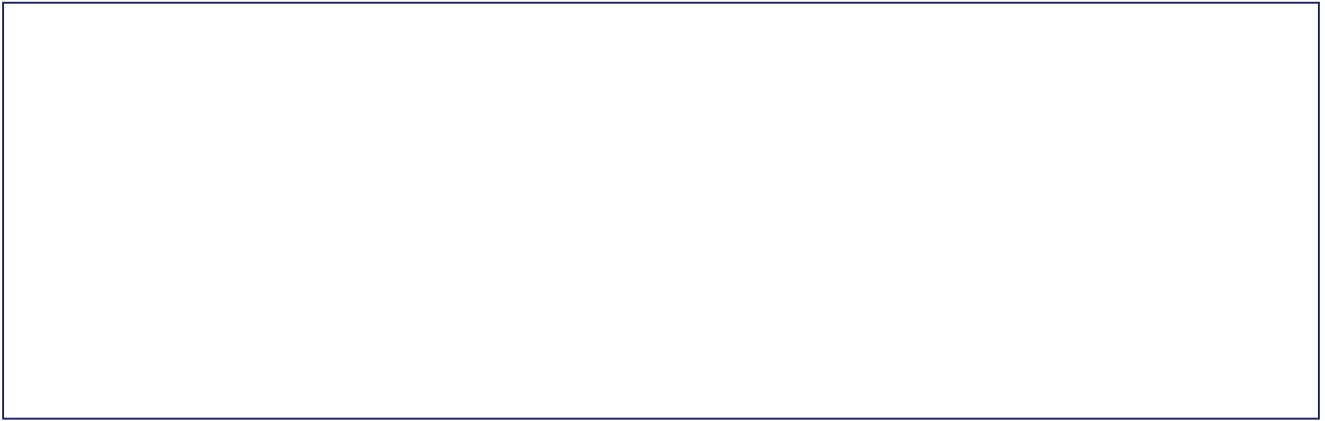
**5. If you had a celebration for your favourite book, what would you do? Write a sentence using the word 'celebration'. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Pip the bookworm sitting under the old oak tree with his friends, surrounded by the stories he has collected.



*Extension challenge: Choose two words from the word bank and write a short story starter that uses both of them correctly. Can you find a synonym for 'expansion'?*