

**dedication**  
(Test C) years 3 and 4 statutory requirement: endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt **-tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian** (*dedication*)

**Correct** 48%

**Common error** 22% = error with **dedic**

Pupils who misspelt *dedication* tended to make errors with the letters **dedic**, by replacing the letter **i** with the letter **e** or letters **er** (*dedecation, dedercation*) or letter **a** (*dedacation*). Some pupils also made errors by doubling the second letter **d** (*deddication*) or adding a letter **a** before the second letter **d** (*deadication*). These errors tended to be made by pupils whose performance was average on the test overall. Some pupils made this error in combination with an error with the ending **-tion** as shown in the table below.

A smaller percentage of pupils made errors with the ending **-tion** when attempting to spell *dedication*:

error type	per cent of pupils	commentary and examples of pupils' misspellings
error with ending <b>-tion</b> only	7%	A small percentage of pupils misspelt the ending <b>-tion</b> , by using <b>sh</b> ( <i>dedicashion, dedicashun</i> ) or replacing the letter <b>t</b> with the letter <b>s</b> ( <i>dedicasion</i> ). Pupils who misspelt the word using <b>sh</b> tended to perform below average on the test overall.
error with ending <b>-tion</b> and <b>dedic</b>	17%	<i>deadicashon, dedecashun</i> Some pupils combined an error in spelling <b>dedic</b> with an error in the ending <b>-tion</b> . This combination of errors tended to be made by pupils who performed below average on the test overall.

**Other words** with ending **-tion**

*action*

*decoration*

*education*

*hesitation*