

The Prologue from The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
Vocabulary Builder

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Using the Suffix -tion

A. DIRECTIONS: Change each verb into a noun with the suffix -tion. Then, fill in each blank in the sentences with the appropriate noun.

contribute _____ navigate _____
recreate _____ decorate _____

1. The Knight has in his possession fine horses but wears clothes lacking _____.
2. The Monk prefers hunting for _____ to poring over books and tilling the soil.
3. The Friar gives absolution and an easy penance to those who accompany their confessions with a large financial _____.
4. When it comes to getting a boat from one destination to another, apparently none can compare with the Skipper at _____.

Using the Word List

solicitous	garnished	absolution	commission
sanguine	avouches	prevarication	

B. DIRECTIONS: Write the word from the Word List that best completes each of the following sentences.

1. The Franklin is probably most _____ when he is dining, since eating well gives him tremendous pleasure.
2. The Friar believes that _____ should come at a price so that people experience painful consequences for their sinful actions.
3. The Miller _____ that just by feeling grain with his thumb he can tell how much it is worth, which is a fairly bold assertion.
4. The Knight's son's garments are _____ with embroidery.
5. The innkeeper is a _____ host, doing all he can to make sure his guests are comfortable and happy.
6. A Pardoner given to _____ ought to be afraid of excommunication.
7. The Friar claims to have a _____ from the Pope to hear confessions.