A **suffix** is a word part that is added to the end of a base word to form a new word. Read the following suffixes and their meanings. **-ation, -ition, -tion,** = action or process of; state or condition **-ion, -sion** of being; result of

Read each pair of sentences. Fill in the missing word in the second sentence by adding one of the suffixes in the box above to the underlined word.

- 1. We had wanted to adopt a puppy for a long time. Finally our parents took us down to the _____ center.
- 2. The agent had to <u>inform</u> his leader of what he had discovered. He sent the ______ by coded message.
- 3. The teacher took time to explain Sarah's mistake. Sarah understood what she had done wrong after hearing the ______.
- 4. "I must impress this upon you," said the teacher. "Do not judge people by your first ______."
- 5. The store owner was planning to <u>reduce</u> the price of all summer clothing. She advertised a half-price ______ in the newspaper the following week.
- 6. Jane always felt tense before taking a test. Once the test began, however, the _____ disappeared.
- 7. Paco wasn't sure how to <u>define</u> the word. The dictionary listed more than one ______.
- 8. Rita couldn't wait to <u>celebrate</u> her birthday. Her family had planned a _____ at an amusement park.