These Words are tricky, but as a rule of thumb, if the root word ends in c or ic, then the suffix cian is used.

If then word has a t or a d, then it is usually tian

However, there are some exceptions to the rule:

Venice – venetian (as in venetian blind )

If the word ends in y as in beauty, then drop the y and add an I before adding cian

Here are your spellings for the week:

beautician

politician

technician

martian

optician

mathematician

Egyptian

musician

clinician

magician

As you can see, there are many more cian words than tian.