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cat·i·on  (kăt ɪən)

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n.

An ion or group of ions having a positive charge and characteristically moving toward the negative electrode in electrolysis.

[Greek *kation*, something going down, from neuter present participle of *katienai*, to go down : *kat-*, *kata-*, *cata-* + *ienai*, to go; see **ei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cat·i·on ic (kăt'ī-ŏn ɪk) *adj.*

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