

SPELLING WORKOUTS:



'-ous' suffix words

Tips



Can you add another example to each row?

If the root word is obvious, remember the usual rules for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters

poison + ous = poisonous

fam e + ous = famous

'-our' is changed to '-or' before '-ous' is added

glamorous

If the root word ends in '-ge', the 'e' must be kept if the 'g' sound is to be kept

courageous

If there is an 'i' sound before the '-ous' ending, it is sometimes kept as 'i' but a few words spell it with an 'e'

serious hideous

Check

Circle the words which are spelt correctly.
Use a dictionary to help you.

various
varous
varyous

luxurious
luxuryious
luxuryous

envious
envous
envyous

rigorous
rigourous

humorous
humourous

outrageous
outragous

obvious
obvous

scandalous
scandallous

Place each word into the correct sentence.

ambitious curious hideous luxurious jealous

Kim is very _____ and always wants to do well.

The mansion's dining room was _____.

Ben was _____ about what was hidden inside the box.

Lara was _____ of Tim's lunch.

Jim's monster mask was _____.

Use

Below each picture is a word. Can you write a sentence about the picture which includes that word?



glamorous



courteous

Change

Read each sentence and change the underlined word or phrase for a synonym which includes the suffix '-ous'.

Bill might be feeling poorly but he is not able to spread his germs and illness.

After writing a very funny book, the writer became known by everybody.

The clown wore clothes which were silly and laughed at by everybody.

I laughed a lot when reading the book. It was very full of funny bits.

Jeff was very polite with good manners.

Apply

Imagine that you are an explorer visiting these ancient ruins. Write a story about what you find inside. How many of the blue words can you include in your writing?



courageous

curious

dangerous

enormous

hideous

poisonous

serious

Extra challenge

Can you start one of your sentences with an adverb? Can you include an adverb in one of your sentences?

Extra challenge:

Can you start one of your sentences with an adverb? Can you include any other '-ous' words?