

HOMEWORK

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Suffix 'cious', 'tious'

The suffix or word ending 'ious' sounds like 'shus'. It can change a noun (naming word) or verb (doing word) into an adjective (describing word).

- A **suffix** is a letter or letters added to the end of a word to make another word.
- Adding **'ious'** to a noun or verb makes an adjective: 'infect' (verb), 'infectious' (adjective).
- **Nouns** are naming words (boy, dog, chair). **Verbs** are doing or action words (run, jump, shout).
- **Adjectives** are describing words (tall, thin, old).

<i>(list 5:1)</i>	Practise 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practise 2 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>If the root word ends 'ce' the 'e' is dropped and 'ious' is added to form the adjective.</i>		
spacious <i>(noun root - space)</i>			
gracious <i>(noun root - grace)</i>			
vicious <i>(noun root - vice)</i>			
malicious <i>(noun root - malice)</i>			
officious <i>(noun root - office)</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>The 'shus' sound is most commonly spelt as 'cious' at the end of an adjective.</i>		
atrocious			
precious			
delicious			
conscious			
suspicious			

Spelling tip:	<i>The 'shus' sound can also be made using 'tious' at the end of a word. There are few of these.</i>		
infectious			
contentious			
pretentious			
ambitious			
nutritious			