

# Suffixes - 'Ous'

Year 3 / P4

A **SUFFIX** is a letter or a group of letters that can be added to the end of a word to form a new word.

Adding the suffix **-ous** turns a **noun** into an **adjective**

e.g. danger + ous = dangerous

There are some rules when changing from the root word to the word ending in **-ous**:

Words ending in **'y'**: remove the **'y'** and add **'i'** + **'ous'** (fury > furious)

Words ending in **'ge'**: keep the **'e'** and add **'ous'** (courage > courageous)

Words ending in **'ce'**: remove the **'e'** and add **'i'** + **'ous'** (space > spacious)

Words ending in **'our'**: change to **'or'** and add **'ous'** (humour > humorous)

## Activity 1

Change these nouns into adjectives using the rules above. Then write a sentence using them. If you're not sure what a word means, you can look it up in a dictionary.

The first example has been done for you.

Noun	Adjective	Sentence
Fame	Famous	She was a famous scientist.
Mystery		
Adventure		
Outrage		
Luxury		
Glory		

## Activity 2

Fill in the gaps in these sentences using the -ous words below

poisonous      serious      various      enormous      curious

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ colours of flowers in the garden.
- "Wow, that elephant is \_\_\_\_\_!" Maisy exclaimed.
- The snake had \_\_\_\_\_ venom.
- Breaking your arm is a \_\_\_\_\_ injury.
- Theo, the \_\_\_\_\_ cat, always wants to explore new places in the garden.