

Word work spelling

Suffix -ous, using -cious and -tious

Flip this sheet over and ask someone to test you.

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1st Try

2nd Try

gracious from grace

malicious from malice

spacious from space

vicious from vice

suspicious from suspicion

cautious from caution

fictitious from fiction

infectious from infection

nutritious from nutrition

ambitious from ambition

If the root word ends in **-ce**, then use **-cious** for the adjective.



If the root word can also have a **-tion** ending, then use **-tious** for the adjective.

A

Make three short sentences using words from the list above, each ending in these punctuation marks:

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B

'Gracious' and 'spacious' come from the nouns 'grace' and 'space'. What is the spelling rule?

Tip
Something gets changed!



This week's words

gracious malicious spacious vicious suspicious
cautious fictitious infectious nutritious ambitious

You could try these too

conscious ferocious cautious superstitious surreptitious