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To spell words with the -ous suffix

What is a root word?

What is a suffix?

What -ous words do you know?

Key Vocabulary

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Progress Indicators

To understand how the -ous suffix changes the meaning of a root word.

To spell a range of words with the -ous suffix.

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What do you notice about these -ous words?

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victorious adventurous

dangerous religious

courageous

What word class do they belong to?

Is there anything that connects their meaning?

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Adding -ous to words turns **nouns** into **adjectives**.

The suffix means 'full of' or 'very'.

Examples:

danger -> dangerous: full of danger

adventure -> adventurous: full of adventure

fury -> furious: full of fury, very angry

humour -> humorous: full of humour, very funny

How does the root word change when you add -ous?

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danger -> dangerous *Some words do not change when -ous is added.*

adventure -> adventurous *Words ending in -e lose the -e when adding -ous. However, not every word follows this rule e.g. courage -> courageous*

fury -> furious *When the word ends in -y, it changes to an i before adding -ous.*

humour -> humorous *Words that end in -our change to -or, then add -ous.*

enormous *Some -ous words don't have a clear English root word, or change in ways that don't fit these rules. Their spellings have to be learned.*

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Bronze: Sort the words in the yellow box into the table according to how their root word has changed.

No change	Drop the -e	Change -y to -i	Change -our to -or	No root/rule

victorious
courageous
outrageous
obvious
religious
adventurous
humorous
famous
odorous
joyous
momentous
nervous
glamorous

Silver: Choose one word from each column and write a definition. Remember that -ous means 'full of' or 'very'.

Gold: Choose three words from the grid and use them correctly in a sentence.

GD: Add another word to each column.

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Plenary: What other -ous words can you find?

What rules do they follow?

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