

Spelling tip: The suffix 'ous'

Key Vocabulary:

Root word –

Suffixes –

Success Criteria:

1. Remember to look at the root word
2. There may be some words that you need to learn the spellings for (-ious and -eous)

Rules:

1. Note that consonant letters are not doubled prior to the suffix .
2. If the root word ends with **–our**, then it is changed to **–or** before **-ous** is added
3. The **e** in **-age** stays with **+ous added (eg courageous)** , otherwise it is removed – Nerve → nervous
4. If there is an /i:/ sound before the **–ous** ending, it is usually spelt as **i**, but some exceptions have **e eg hideous)**

Rule	My Spelling	Dictionary Spelling

Exceptions to the rule: