

Endings: eous/ious/ous 1

Some of the words in the box are often included in the 100 Demon Words list or have caused the downfall of many spellers in spelling bees. Study the words carefully. Pay particular attention to the endings.

dangerous gorgeous courageous simultaneous
enormous humorous gracious delicious genius
harmonious religious generous hideous hilarious
joyous mysterious nervous poisonous outrageous
hazardous

Spell the words to yourself and then write them next to the correct letter.

-OUS _____

-EOUS _____

-IOUS _____

Focus on tiny parts of each word. What words have these smaller word sections:

igi	_____	ici	_____	orm	_____
umo	_____	ene	_____	ois	_____
yst	_____	aza	_____	mult	_____

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Write a word from the box that's related to the words below. Underline a word if the base word changes its spelling when the ending is added.

danger	_____	courage	_____
religion	_____	joy	_____
nerve	_____	poison	_____
outrage	_____	harmony	_____
grace	_____	hazard	_____
humor	_____	mystery	_____



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Solution

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danger	dangerous	courage	courageous
religion	<u>religious</u>	joy	joyous
nerve	<u>nervous</u>	poison	poisonous
outrage	outrageous	harmony	<u>hamonious</u>
grace	<u>gracious</u>	hazard	hazardous
humor	humorous	mystery	<u>mysterious</u>

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Write a word from the box in each blank.

1. You don't have to be a _____ to know that smoking is _____ to your health.



2. I did not think the comedian was _____, but the rest of the audience thought he was _____ and roared with laughter.



3. Susan thinks the dress looks _____, but her Grandpa said, "It's _____!"

4. The _____ noise of the bell ringing signaled the end of another school year.

5. My aunt belongs to a _____ order. She is a nun.



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Write a word from the box in each blank.

1. Mr. Gates is known as a _____ host
who serves _____ food.



2. The _____ millionaire made an
_____ contribution to the charity.

3. The _____ midnight noise made the
entire family _____.



4. It was a _____ job, but the
_____ fire fighter rescued the girl.



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Solution

1. genius hazardous
2. humorous hilarious
3. hideous gorgeous
4. joyous
5. religious



1. gracious delicious
2. generous enormous
3. mysterious nervous
4. dangerous courageous