

Spellings - words with the suffix - ous.

Remember: look, say,
cover, write, check

This week we are looking at words ending in **-ous** meaning 'full of'. Usually, adding 'ous' changes a noun into an adjective, as in *danger* to *dangerous*. There are some rules when changing from the root word to the word ending in **-ous**:

Words ending in 'y': delete the 'y' and add 'ious' (*glory/glorious*)

- **Words ending in 'ge':** do not drop the 'e' (*courage/courageous*)
- **Words ending in 'ce':** drop the 'e' and add 'ious' (*space/spacious*)
- **Words ending in 'our':** change to 'or' and add 'ous' (*humour/humorous*)

Can you find any further examples of these spelling patterns? Look at the word, say the word, cover it over and write it each day to practise.

Root word	Spelling word to practise	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
envy	envious				
fury	furious				
vary	various				
courage	courageous				
outrage	outrageous				
space	<i>spacious</i>				
grace	gracious				
humour	humorous				
glamour	glamorous				
danger	dangerous				
mountain	mountainous				
poison	poisonous				

Ask someone to test you on your spellings on Friday.