

Adding the Suffix -cious



In this picture, we can see a lot of *space* in the attic.

We could describe the attic as very *spacious*.

By adding the suffix *-cious* to the root word, we have turned a **noun** into an **adjective**.

space
(noun)



spacious
(adjective)

Rule for Adding the Suffix -cious

If the root word ends in *-ce*, remove *-ce* and replace it with *-cious*.

For example:

grace



grac~~ce~~



gracious

This will change the word from a **noun** into an **adjective**.

Your Turn: Adding the Suffix -cious



The character we see in this picture has a lot of malice.

How could we add the suffix -cious to turn the noun malice into an adjective to describe this person?

As our root word ends in -ce, we need to remove these letters and add the suffix -cious. This will change the **noun** into an **adjective**.

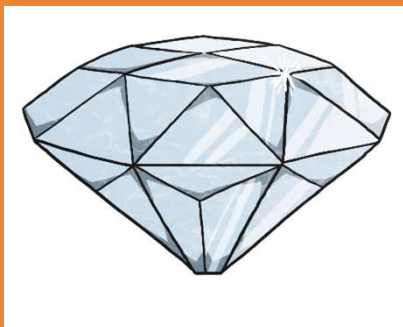
malice
(noun)



malicious
(adjective)

Words Ending in -cious

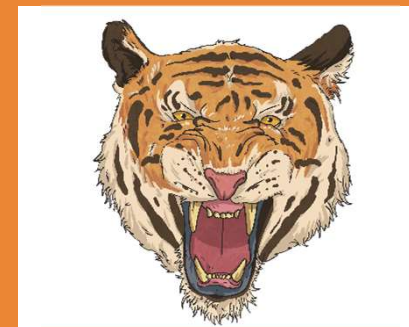
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precious



delicious

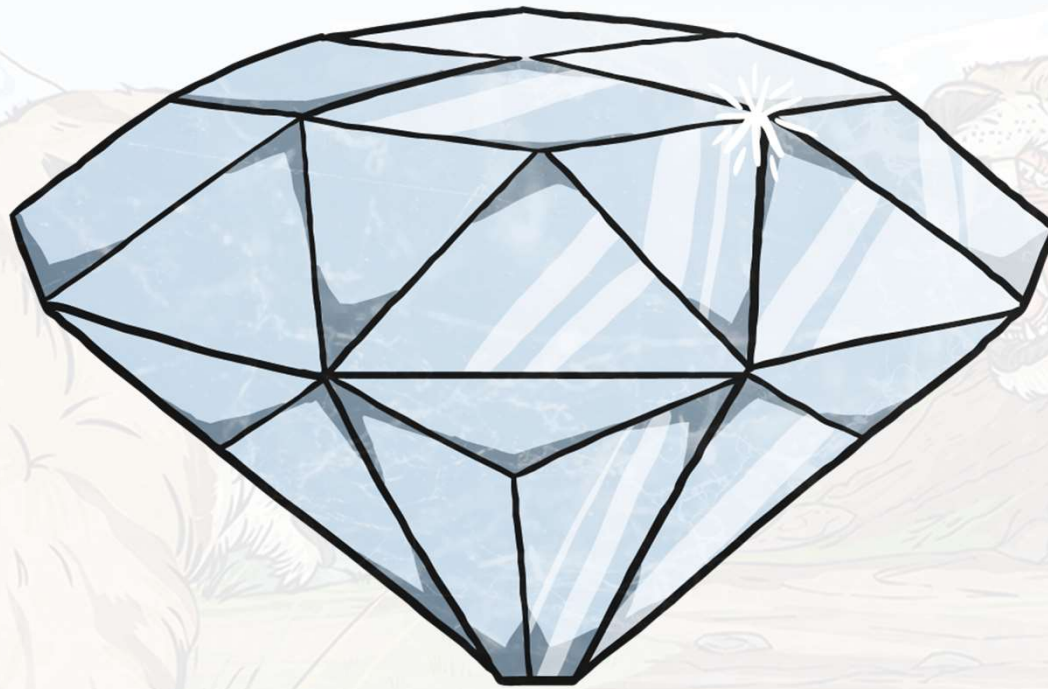


ferocious

These words are **adjectives**. They end in -cious but this has not been added using the rule.

Precious

The word '**precious**' originally comes from the word for 'price', implying that something precious should cost a lot of money.



Delicious

The word '**delicious**' originally comes from the word for 'delight', implying that something delicious is a delight to eat.



Ferocious

The word '**ferocious**' originally comes from the word for 'fierce', meaning that something ferocious is very fierce.



Adding the Suffix -tious



The suffix **-tious** acts in a similar way to **-cious**.

In this picture, we can see food that is full of nutrition.

We could describe the food as **nutritious**.

By adding the suffix **-tious**, we have turned the noun nutrition into an adjective.

nutrition
(noun)



nutritious
(adjective)

Rule for Adding the Suffix -tious

If the root word ends in **-tion**, remove **-tion** and replace it with **-tious**.

For example:

ambition → ~~ambition~~ → ambitious

This will change the word from a **noun** into an **adjective**.

Your Turn: Adding the Suffix -tious



The person we see in picture has got an infection.

How could we add the suffix -tious to turn the noun infection into an adjective to describe this person?

As our root word ends in **-tion**, we need to remove these letters and add the suffix **-tious**. This will change the **noun** into an **adjective**.

infection
(noun)



infectious
(adjective)

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conscientious



scrumptious

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Conscientious

The word '**conscientious**' originally comes from the word for 'conscience'. As this word ends in -ce, it would normally use -cious not -tious. This is an unusual exception to the rule.



Scrumptious

The word '**scrumptious**' originally comes from the word for 'sumptuous', which implies that things that are scrumptious used to cost a lot of money.

