

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a word.

The suffix ous means full of, and it can appear as eous or ious.

Watch for base word changes like dropping e or changing y to i.

THE SPELLING RULE**Suffix ous, eous, ious**

**famous nervous dangerous curious serious
gorgeous courageous mysterious generous
various**

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WHERE THEY APPEAR: “The famous hero was courageous and generous.”

This deck teaches **Suffix ous, eous, ious** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the suffix."

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Notice the suffix.

Find the suffix inside the word.

famous = fame, drop e, + ous

I CAN I can notice the suffix in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

curious • curius • cureous

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a suffix word."

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

nerve + ous = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

courage + ous = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the suffix, then spell one word of your own.

"The curious and generous crowd stayed calm," she said.

I CAN I can explain the suffix and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

fame + ous → _____ **nerve + ous** → _____ **danger + ous** → _____ **cur + ious**
→ _____ **courage + ous** → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the suffix on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

famous = fame, drop e, + ous.

CHOOSE

curious is correct.

SHOW

nerve + ous = nervous.

OWN

courage + ous = courageous.

DEFEND

The suffix keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be nervous, dangerous, or curious.

YOUR TURN

famous, nervous, dangerous, curious, courageous

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A curious

B curius

C cureous

D kurious

The answer is **A**.

A **curious** · Correct. The ious ending spells the sound in curious.

B **curius** · Leaves out the o.

C **cureous** · Spells the ending as eous.

D **kurious** · Uses k for the c sound.