



Year 6 Spelling – cious/tious Week 2 - 30.03.2020

Take your time to read about the spelling pattern below and choose a challenge to complete.

If you do not know the meaning of a word or you need a little help, use a dictionary (online or physical copy) to look up the words.

Answers are provided too.

There is a wordsearch which contains words with this spelling pattern at the end for everyone to do.



1) Rule 25: Explanation

The 'shus' sound at the end of a word is usually spelt 'cious' or 'tious'.

'tious' is often used if the root word would take the suffix 'tion' in its **noun** form.

'cious' is often used if the root word ends in 'ce'.

Some words just have to be learnt!

vice > vicious grace > gracious

infectious (infection) cautious (caution)



2) Rule 25: Examples

THINK: Does the root word end in 'ce'? – cious

Can the root word have a 'tion' ending? – tious

gracious delicious nutritious

infectious ambitious malicious

cautious spacious scrumptious

THINK: Which words **DON'T** fit these rules?



-tious and -cious Word Endings

Add the correct -cious and -tious words to the sentences using the word bank below to help you.

1. The bully was very mean and _____.
2. Mum was _____ that the deal was too good to be true.
3. You need to be _____ when you are crossing the road.
4. Mrs Bryan thought that the chocolate cake was _____.
5. My auntie is very _____ and will not walk under a ladder.
6. Some diseases can be highly _____.
7. Fruit and vegetables are very _____.
8. The _____ jewels were kept under lock and key.

Word Bank

precious	infectious	malicious	delicious
nutritious	superstitious	cautious	suspicious



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Rewrite these sentences and change the underlined noun into an adjective by adding the suffix -cious or -tious.

1. The bully was very mean and malice.

2. Mum was suspicion that the deal was too good to be true.

3. You need to be caution when you are crossing the road.

4. The decision about the goal was quite contention.

5. My auntie is very superstition and will not walk under a ladder.

6. Some diseases can be highly infection.

7. Fruit and vegetables are very nutrition.

8. Linda's new flat was quite space.



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Choose the correct noun from the word bank below. Turn the noun into an adjective by adding the suffix -cious or -tious and insert the adjective into the correct sentence below.

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7. Fruit and vegetables are very _____.
8. The _____ contestants auditioned in the talent show.
9. Linda's new flat was quite _____.
10. The elegant dancer was _____ as she moved across the stage.

Word Bank

grace	suspicion	malice	space	contention
superstition	ambition	nutrition	caution	infection

Answers



1. The bully was very mean and **malicious**.
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Spelling - cious and tious words

Z U D M E G C S Y H X N U D S K M A Z G D X X S V
S M L T K A E R U M N V E U T L G X R I A U T U F
F U I F L R I L F O I L O J G C W R C U O N Z O U
S U S P I C I O U S I I M A Y D G T A I T E A I S
Q V K W O B D O X C C C W G P W D I C N X G D T I
S U O I T U A C I A A K A I W D Z B T U M M U I S
Q J O R K N Z O R C J A I P M G N L N W N G B T Z
K F Q W F R U G W S D Q U P S X P L J O Y V F S L
D X C O U S G O A C K W V S A J V K T Y E P V R X
P O S F G G U M N V G T Z S Y U Z P W J F D S E B
C Z W Q G D A A P H J J B C H V W F O H S A P P H
Z T J L F E X L Q O T R Z W V N J X J S U J X U S
D Q M S Z R Z I U L R G O N I R F W U Q O X G S Z
X Q S V X B M C U N B A N L F G L O F J I O I M F
J Z M O R M W I X Z K T T L L U I L E F C Y V Y K
N A W D Z W R O V X O Q C U W T X W E E E C N R F
F U I T S Z R U H P A S Y W N X G F R U R X G L W
Q O T O R A C S Z V Q N J E Z S Z F A W P S O P Q
H O R R H U Q Q C P R J T R A O U N K X N C N E W
U G V A I M C V L Z O N Q Q C K V C R C U M A T X
C O F M P T R K T W O X S B J H C M M A Z O E K R
G C W W H Q I M L C P O L U E L E T A V H O L M B
K N P C S Y R O B H Y N A B S H U T S B M E P L J
G D S H X O T Q U Q Z R K V G O U W Y H K V P U U
J G M X O F B B O S B J C X W O T M W R H O B G J

CAUTIOUS
CONTENTIOUS
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GRACIOUS
MALICIOUS
NUTRITIOUS
PRECIOUS
SPACIOUS
SUPERSTITIOUS
SUSPICIOUS