



# Spelling Shed

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Introduction	<p>Adding the suffix ‘ous’ turns a noun into an adjective. These rules generally apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Words ending with ‘e’, drop ‘e’ and add ‘ous’ (adventure/adventurous)</li><li>• Words ending in ‘y’, replace the ‘y’ with ‘i’ plus ‘ous’ (fury/furious)</li><li>• Words that ends with ‘our’, change to ‘or’, then add ‘ous’ (humour/humorous)</li></ul> <p>Demonstrate with danger, envy and humorous.</p>
Main Teaching Activity	<p>See if the children can work out what words ending in ‘ous’ actually mean. (Tip: it means ‘full of’ – ‘poisonous’ means full of poison).</p> <p>Give children a set of cards in pairs or small groups and ask them to match the noun with the adjective. Does this help them to guess what the adjective means?</p> <p>Feedback matching cards and ideas for what it means.</p>
Independent Activity	<p>Provide the second card set to pairs, or small groups, and get children to turn them in to adjectives following the spelling rules.</p> <p>You can extend some children if necessary by asking them to write a number of sentences using the newly formed adjectives.</p>



Print out and cut up the word cards. One set for each group.

poison	poisonous	danger	disastrous	marvel
mountainous	dangerous	marvellous	mountains	space
disaster	spacious	envy	jealous	envious



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fury	fame	adventure
ridicule	luxury	peril
disaster	danger	outrage



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Cover your spellings up. Can you add in the missing letters from each word?

\_an\_\_rous

m\_r\_el\_ous

\_\_\_\_lous

j\_\_lous

m\_\_nt\_\_n\_\_s

p\_\_\_\_nous

tre\_\_\_dous

pre\_\_ous

enor\_\_\_\_\_

disa\_\_\_ous



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Answers:

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poisonous	<u>d</u> angerous	mar <u>v</u> ell <u>l</u> ous
dangerous	<u>p</u> erilous	je <u>a</u> lous
mountainous	mount <u>a</u> in <u>o</u> us	po <u>i</u> sonous
marvellous	trem <u>e</u> ndous	prec <u>i</u> ous
perilous	enorm <u>o</u> us	disa <u>s</u> trous
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