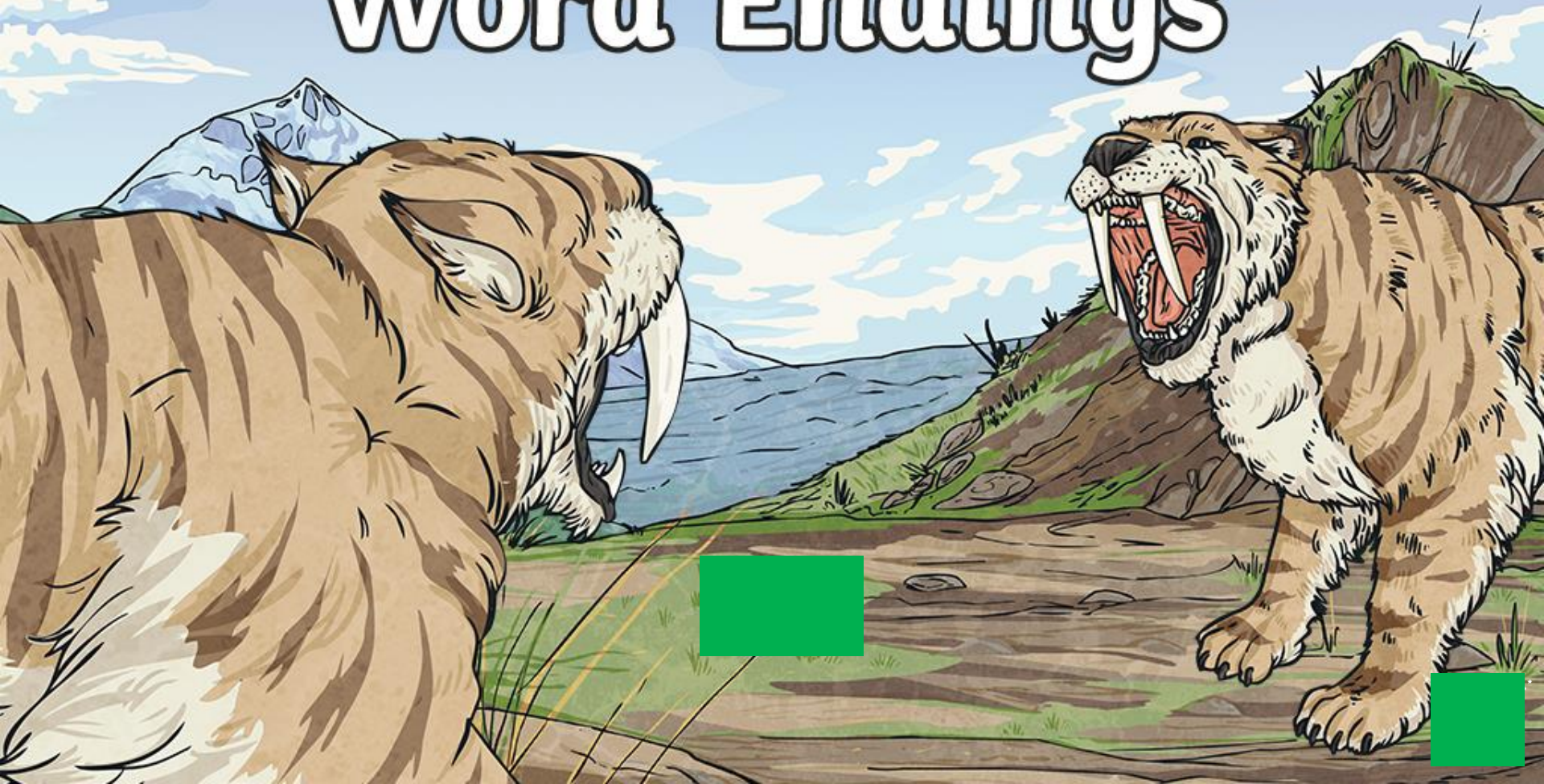


-tious and -cious Word Endings



Adding the Suffix -cious

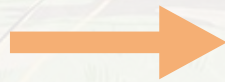


In this picture, we can see a lot of *space* in the attic.

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 → grace → gracious

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

Your Turn: Adding the Suffix -cious

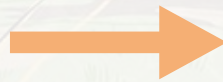


The character we see in this picture has a lot of malice.

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**.

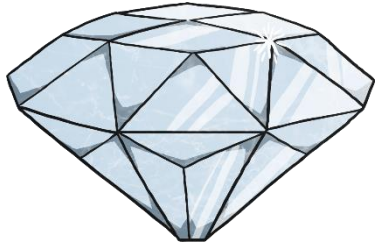
malice
(noun)



malicious
(adjective)

Words Ending in -cious

Sometimes, adjectives end in the suffix -cious which do not follow the rule. Click on each image to find out more.



precious



delicious



ferocious

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

Adding the Suffix -tious



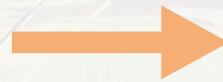
The suffix **-tious** acts in a similar way to **-cious**.

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

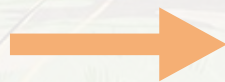


The person we see in picture has got an infection.

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**.

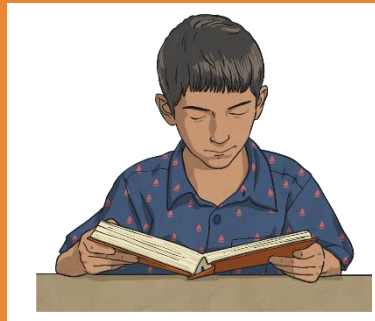
infection
(noun)



infectious
(adjective)

Words Ending in -tious

Sometimes, adjectives end in the suffix -tious which do not follow the rule. Click on each image to find out more.



conscientious



scrumptious

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

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to change the bold noun into an adjective?

The bully was a very **malice** person.

-cious

try again

The root word ends in **-ce** so we need to remove these letters and add the suffix **-cious** to form the adjective **malicious**.

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to change the bold noun into an adjective?

Sanjeev was always a very **ambition** person.

try again

-tious

The root word ends in **-tion** so we need to remove these letters and add the suffix **-tious** to form the adjective **ambitious**.

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to change the bold noun into an adjective?

We had to be **caution** when entering.

try again

-tious

The root word ends in **-tion** so we need to remove these letters and add the suffix **-tious** to form the adjective **cautious**.

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to change the bold noun into an adjective?

The losing tennis player was very **grace** after her defeat.

-cious

try again

The root word ends in **-ce** so we need to remove these letters and add the suffix **-cious** to form the adjective **gracious**.

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to complete the adjective with the correct spelling?

The tiger's roar was **fero**_____.

-cious

try again

The correct spelling is **ferocious** so the suffix **-cious** is needed.

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to complete the adjective with the correct spelling?

Jimmy was always very **supersti**_____.

try again

-tious

The root word is **superstition**, which ends in **-tion**. We must remove these letters and add the suffix **-tious** to correctly spell **superstitious**.

-cious and -tious Quick Quiz

Which of these suffixes is needed to complete the adjective with the correct spelling?

The snooty lady acted in a **preten_____** way.

try again

-tious

The root word is **pretention**, which ends in **-tion**. We must remove these letters and add the suffix **-tious** to correctly spell **pretentious**.