



# Suffix Origins “-ous” meaning “full of”



The suffix “-ous” can be added to a base word to add the meaning “full of”, “having”, “to do with”. The suffix originates in Old French “-ous” and “-eux”. When this suffix is added to a base word it forms an adjective.



Add the prefix “ous” to create an adjective.  
Write situations these words could describe :

curi \_ \_ \_ A child pulling a toy apart to see how it works.

joy \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

fam \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

danger \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

nerv \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

courte \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

delici \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

envi \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

furi \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

Write the related nouns :

curiosity

\_\_\_\_\_

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Write the “ous” words in alphabetical order and write the number of syllables:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    2) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    3) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

4) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    5) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    6) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

7) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    8) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    9) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Write synonyms (words with similar meaning) for these words :

joy \_\_\_\_\_ danger \_\_\_\_\_

envy \_\_\_\_\_ delicacy \_\_\_\_\_

fury \_\_\_\_\_ nervousness \_\_\_\_\_

fame \_\_\_\_\_ courtesy \_\_\_\_\_

