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Read the spelling words and sentences.

1. mountainous *mountainous*
2. tremendous *tremendous*
3. courageous *courageous*
4. industrious *industrious*
5. continuous *continuous*
6. gorgeous *gorgeous*
7. wondrous *wondrous*
8. nutritious *nutritious*
9. cautious *cautious*
10. precious *precious*
11. fabulous *fabulous*
12. jealous *jealous*
13. glorious *glorious*
14. obvious *obvious*
15. tedious *tedious*
16. curious *curious*
17. nervous *nervous*
18. furious *furious*
19. studious *studious*
20. various *various*

The terrain was **mountainous**.
 She has a **tremendous** workload.
 What a **courageous** girl she is!
 Ants are **industrious** creatures.
 A **continuous** rain caused floods.
 The view from here is **gorgeous**.
 Sunsets at sea are **wondrous**!
 Eat a **nutritious** breakfast daily.
 Be **cautious** on the icy roads.
 Rubies are **precious** gems.
 He accumulated **fabulous** wealth.
 The dog is **jealous** of the baby.
 We spent a **glorious** day at sea.
 His embarrassment was **obvious**.
 The **tedious** chores tired me out.
 Ask questions if you are **curious**.
 I get **nervous** in front of a crowd.
 He gets **furious** when we are late.
 The **studious** girl got good grades.
 We sell **various** types of boots.

Think & Sort the spelling words.

1-9. Write the words that end in -ous.

10-20. Write the words that end in -ious.

Remember

The suffix **-ous** can be added to base words or root words to form adjectives.

Spelling Tutor



Figurative Language: Similes

A **simile** compares two things using **like** or **as**. Write the spelling word that completes each simile. Circle the word that is sometimes confused with **continual**.

1. The snake slithered by like a never-ending, _____ letter **s**.
2. The tree loomed overhead like a _____ giant.
3. That she knew a secret was as _____ as an elephant in a living room.
4. That shy boy is as _____ as a mouse.
5. I was as _____ as a child that has a newborn brother or sister.
6. My brother pokes around in my room like a _____ cat.



Word Clues

Write the spelling word that matches each definition. Check your answers in the **Spelling Dictionary**.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7. of high elevation | 12. full of glory |
| 8. full of intense anger | 13. of diverse kinds |
| 9. full of diligence | 14. full of wonder |
| 10. devoted to study | 15. full of nutrition |
| 11. full of bravery | |

Use the
Dictionary

English has borrowed many words from other languages. Write the spelling words that match these word histories. Check your answers in a print or online dictionary.

16. from Latin **cautiō**, meaning "taking care"
17. from Latin **taedium**, meaning "weariness"
18. from Latin **pretium**, meaning "price"
19. from Middle English **gorgeuse**, meaning "elegant"
20. from Latin **fābula**, meaning "fable"

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mountainous	tremendous	courageous	industrious	continuous
gorgeous	wondrous	nutritious	cautious	precious
fabulous	jealous	glorious	obvious	tedious
curious	nervous	furious	studious	various

Complete the Analogies

Write a spelling word to complete each analogy.

1. **Simple** is to **elaborate** as **unattractive** is to ____.2. **Indifferent** is to **enthusiastic** as **lazy** is to ____.3. **Miserable** is to **wretched** as **wholesome** is to ____.4. **Virtue** is to **virtuous** as **glory** is to ____.5. **Grace** is to **gracious** as **wonder** is to ____.6. **Miniature** is to **tiny** as **valuable** is to ____.

Make Inferences

Write the spelling word that completes each sentence.

7. A ____ line of cars stretched as far as the eye could see.

8. He was ____ with me for forgetting to pick him up on time.

9. She does not study on weekends, yet she is very ____.

10. I enjoy ____ types of movies, but I prefer action films.

11. I am ____ to know where you bought that heavy sweater.

12. Sherman is ____ when we pay attention to another dog.

13. Near the sea the land was flat, but inland it was ____.



Use Context Clues

Write spelling words from the box to complete the paragraph.

Most ski resorts rely on the 14. efforts of their brave ski patrol to keep skiers safe. Ski patrol members are trained to be 15. when moving injured skiers. They are a 16. help to 17. skiers who need encouragement. Ski patrol members show an 18. enthusiasm for their job. They say that their job never becomes 19., and they tell some 20. tales of daring rescue missions.

nervous
cautious
courageous
tedious
tremendous
fabulous
obvious

Proofread a How-To Paragraph

Proofread the how-to paragraph below for ten misspelled words. Then rewrite the paragraph. Write the spelling words correctly and make the corrections indicated by the proofreading marks.

⌘ Cross-country, or Nordic skiling is an obvius alternative to downhill skiling. This ~~skiling~~ is perfect for the more cautious skier. First, make sure to eat a nutricious breakfast. Nordic skiling demands tremenduss physical endurance. Then find an area that does not have a very mountainos terrain. Strap on the skis and grasp the poles firmly. Slide your feet forward and back and use the poles to keep your balance. This continuous motion is a great ~~Workout~~. If you are a downhill skier, you may find this ~~this~~ skiling a bit tediuous, but don't give up. Unlike downhill skiling, nordic skiling gives you the chance to really see the gorgeuos views as you slide along the varius trails. If you're cureeous about Nordic skiling, you should give it a try.

Proofreading Marks

≡	Make Uppercase
/	Make Lowercase
^	Add
~	Delete
◉	Add a Period
⌘	Indent

Informative/Explanatory Writing

Write a How-To Paragraph

Write or type a paragraph explaining how to do something, such as a sport or an outdoor activity. Describe the required equipment, training, and skills. Use as many spelling words as you can.

- Use the writing process: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish.
- Include a strong introductory sentence to let your readers know what you are about to teach them. Also include a concluding statement to signal the end of the paragraph.
- Make sure you use complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
- Use the spell-check function in word processing and a print or online dictionary to check spelling.

Transfer

Think of three more explanatory words with the suffix **-ous**. Write the words in a sentence in your Spelling Journal and circle the suffix.

Extend & Transfer

Word Study

Pattern Power

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generous	cautious	wondrous	ambitious	monstrous
humorous	precious	nutritious	copious	contagious
joyous	glorious	fabulous	spacious	treacherous
mysterious	curious	jealous	superfluous	
tremendous	nervous	obvious	vivacious	
courageous	various	tedious	hideous	
industrious	mountainous	furious	anxious	

Use words from the spelling list above to complete these exercises.

Pattern Power

1–7. Write each word whose base word changes its final **y** to **i** before adding **-ous**.

8. Write the word whose base word keeps its final silent **e** before adding **-ous**.

9–10. Write each word whose base word drops its final silent **e** before adding **-ous**.

11–12. Write each word whose base word drops the **e** of its **er** ending before adding **-ous**.

Meaning Mastery

Write a spelling word for each synonym below. Check your answers in a print or online thesaurus.

13. backstabbing

14. invaluable

15. funny

16. amazing

17. catching

18. envious

19. giving

20. risky

Language Arts

Word Hunt

Read the paragraphs below. Look for words with the suffix **-ous**.

The legend of Texas cowboy Pecos Bill is a humorous tall tale that's meant to illustrate just how industrious and courageous Texan pioneers were.

Baby Bill was so ambitious that he taught himself to ride a horse before he could walk. He didn't think it was dangerous to wrestle bear cubs. His parents weren't nervous, though. In fact, with 17 other children, they were oblivious when little Bill fell into the Pecos River and was swept downstream.

This would have been hazardous to any other baby, but not for Pecos Bill. He simply taught himself to swim. When he swam to shore, a mama coyote found him and decided to raise Bill as one of her own precious cubs.

Sixteen years later, Bill's older brother found him howling at a tremendous full moon. It took a stupendous amount of convincing, but Bill's brother made Bill realize he wasn't a coyote.

Soon Pecos Bill was the best cowboy around. He could ride anything. After inventing the lasso, he decided it would be hilarious to ride a tornado. So he lassoed a vicious one and went for a riotous ride. The tornado finally threw Bill when it got to California. When Bill fell off, he landed so hard that he sank the ground below sea level. People named that spot Death Valley.



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WORD SORT

1-5. Write the words with the suffix **-ous** added to a base word with no spelling change.

6-8. Write the words with the suffix **-ous** added to a base word with a spelling change.

9-10. Write the four-syllable words with the suffix **-ous** added to a root word.