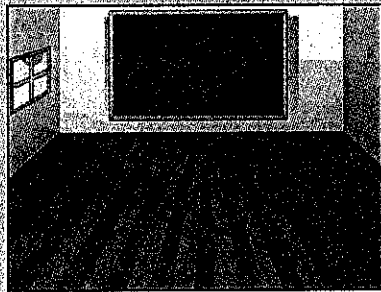


# -cious and -tious endings

## Key to spelling

- Very few common words end with **-cious** or **-tious**. They give a *shus* sound when added to a root word.



space – **spacious**

When the root word ends in **-ce**, the **ce** is dropped and **-cious** is added.



fiction – **fictitious**

Root words ending in other letters usually have **-tious** added.

## Practice activities

- Match up the pairs of words that contain the same root words. Underline the common root in both. The first one has been done for you.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) <u>space</u> | malicious       |
| b) caution      | <u>spacious</u> |
| c) grace        | fictitious      |
| d) malice       | vicious         |
| e) infect       | gracious        |
| f) ambition     | cautious        |
| g) vice         | ambitious       |
| h) fiction      | infectious      |

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2. Fill in the white squares to complete the words.

m	a	l	i	c				s	
	m								
	b								
v	i			o	u	s		c	
								a	
f		c	t	i				u	s
								i	
	s							o	

3. Underline the correct word in bold to complete each sentence.

- The book was a work of **fictitious/fiction**.
- He prepared a very **nutrition/nutritious** meal.
- They applauded and were **gracious/grace** in defeat.
- The doctor wore a mask to prevent **infection/infectious**.
- They were **suspicion/suspicious** of the stranger.

## Test your spelling

Look at the words

Say them aloud

Cover the words

Write them from memory

Check your spelling

vicious

precious

conscious

delicious

malicious

suspicious

ambitious

cautious

infectious

nutritious