

Week 12

SPELLING Words Ending in -ous

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Word Bank

conscientious	fictitious
conscious	humorous
continuous	jealous
courageous	mischievous
courteous	nervous

Part I

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the word bank. Use the context of the sentence to determine which word should be used.

1. She was _____ of her smarter and prettier sister.
2. They laughed aloud as Aaron told about his _____ meeting with the goat.
3. He was so _____ about meeting his girlfriend's father that his hands began to shake.
4. The _____ soldier rescued his wounded friend from the battlefield.
5. The _____ drip of the faucet annoyed Claudia greatly.
6. After the car wreck, the man was barely _____.
7. The energetic child was not naughty, merely _____.
8. The _____ young woman was careful to thank her hosts as she left.

Part II

Write a paragraph using at least four words from the word bank.

Part III

Add -ous to each word to make an adjective.

Example: curiosity + -ous = curious or *Latin*: cura + -ous = curious

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2. fiction + -ous = _____
3. nerve + -ous = _____
4. courtesy + -ous = _____
5. conscience + -ous = _____
6. courage + -ous = _____
7. mischief + -ous = _____
8. humor + -ous = _____
9. continue + -ous = _____
10. *Latin*: conscire + -ous = _____

Part IV

Read the paragraph below. Circle the misspelled words and write the correct spelling in the blanks provided.

In a mischievious moment, Gladys decided to make her boyfriend jealous. Perhaps if he thought he had a rival, he would spend more on her birthday present. She created a fictitious person named Edgar who was humorous, courtous, and couragious. Edgar, it seemed, was also a conciencious student who made excellent grades. Gladys was nervous when she told her boyfriend about Edgar. She didn't want him angry, but she shouldn't have worried. Her boyfriend laughed and suggested they ask Edgar to be their math tutor!

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Student's choice.

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5. **conscientious**