

# Using 'cious' with a Long /shuhs/ Sound



# Adding the Suffix -cious

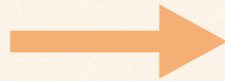


In this picture, we can see a lot of *space* in the attic.

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~~ce~~ → gracious

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

# Your Turn: Adding the Suffix -cious

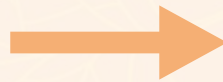


The character we see in this picture has a lot of malice.

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**.

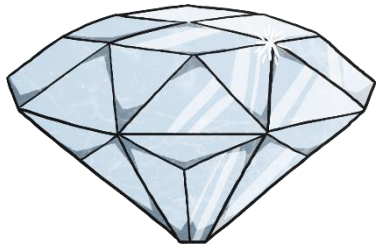
malice  
(noun)



malicious  
(adjective)

# Words Ending in -cious

Sometimes, adjectives end in the suffix –cious which do not follow the rule. The next few slides will explain where these words have originated from.



**precious**



**delicious**



**ferocious**

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

# Precious

The word '**precious**' originally comes from the word for 'price', implying that something precious should cost a lot of money.



# Delicious

The word '**delicious**' originally comes from the word for 'delight', implying that something delicious is a delight to eat.



# Ferocious

The word '**ferocious**' originally comes from the word for 'fierce', meaning that something ferocious is very fierce.



# Say What You See!

Click on the panels to reveal the illustration behind.

Pick one numbered square at a time. Can you spot the -cious word that is illustrated in the picture? Discuss it with a partner. How many squares did you need to reveal?

Reveal Answer

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