

Latin and Greek Suffixes: ~~-An and~~ -Ous/-Ious/-Eous

Many suffixes we use in English originally come from Greek or Latin word endings. ~~The suffix -ous is from Latin meaning "having" or "full of."~~ The suffix ~~-ous/-ious/-eous~~ is from Latin meaning "having" or "full of." Suffixes often change the way the root word is used, such as from a noun to an adjective. For example, the root *adventure* is a noun that means "an exciting activity." Combine *adventure* with *-ous*, and it becomes the adjective *adventurous*. Based on its original meaning, *adventurous* means "full of exciting activity."

Use the list in the bank to make five different English words out of ~~-ous/-ious/-eous~~. You may add a prefix or change the spelling a little if ~~needed~~. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made with the suffix. ~~Be sure to use words for both -ous and -ous/-ious/-eous.~~ Example using "adventur" -

Our trip to the mall became adventurous when we were squeezed in a stockroom during a lockdown.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Use 5 of these beginnings to build words that end in the suffixes *-ous*, *-ious*, and *-eous*. Check the spelling of each word in the dictionary, and create a sentence using each word.

wonder

court

myster

nerv

ser

infect

jeal

outrag

Name _____

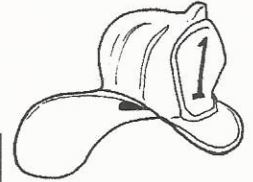
Suffix

-tion, -ion
-ive
-ous

Meaning

state of being or act of
having the nature of, inclined to
full of

Underline the suffix in each word in the box.



captive	creative	explosion
election	poisonous	auction
delicious	active	nervous

1. Write the words with the suffix that means "state of being."

2. Write the words with the suffix that means "having the nature of."

3. Write the words with the suffix that means "full of."

Use words from the box to complete the sentences.

1. Sally was _____ when she took the spelling test.
2. The apple pie was _____ with vanilla ice cream.
3. The class _____ will be held on Tuesday.
4. The man was held _____ for several days.
5. Some berries are _____.
6. The _____ damaged the firehouse.
7. They sold a lot of furniture at the _____.
8. Jim's clever story showed that he was _____.
9. The little boy was very _____.

Write a sentence for each of the following words: curious, detective, decision, addition



Many nouns end in a 'shun' sound.
The most common 'shun' endings are -tion and -sion.



These nouns are often made by adding a suffix to a base word (often a verb).
For example: act - action, deduce - deduction.

Spelling tips for adding -tion

- If the verb ends in a **t** just add -ion. diffract - diffraction.
- Remove a final **e** before adding -tion. intervene - intervention.
- Sometimes you must add or remove a vowel before adding -tion.
If you **sound out** the new word you may be able to work out the spelling: add - addition (add an i), register - registration (remove an e).
- Other changes are also possible. For example: evolve - evolution.



Change each verb to a noun that ends in -tion

Add the correct ending to the verbs below.

** You may have to make other changes too (see information box above).*

verb	noun	verb	noun
reduce	☞ reduction	react	☞ reaction
examine	☞ examination	vegetate	
multiply		intercept	
register		adopt	
configure		instruct	
educate		erupt	
satisfy		relate	
consider		part	
imitate		integrate	
edit		relegate	