

Mastering Suffixes and Word Endings

Learning objective: To correctly spell words ending in -cious, -tious, -cial, and -tial, and understand how to transform root words using these suffixes.

Read the word bank carefully and complete the exercises below. Remember to consider the root word and the spelling rules we have explored in class.

Word bank: cautious · special · essential · spacious · influential · suspicious · artificial · ambitious

1. Choose two words from the word bank that end in -tious. Write a sentence for each to demonstrate that you understand their meaning. (2 marks)

2. Max the monkey is organising his fruit collection. He says that a 'special' apple is one that is unique. Explain why the word 'special' uses a 'c' instead of a 't' before the -ial suffix. (2 marks)

3. Complete the table by changing these nouns into adjectives using the correct suffix (-cial or -tial):

1. Essence -> _____
2. Influence -> _____
3. Benefit -> _____ (3 marks)

4. Pip the caterpillar is writing a story. Correct the spelling in this sentence: 'The suspicious fox thought the new bridge was not very spatious for his heavy bag of books.' (2 marks)

5. Write your own definition for the word 'ambitious'. Use the word in a sentence about an explorer mapping the world. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sorting his fruit collection. Label one group of fruit as 'special' and another group as 'cautious' fruits that might be sour!



Extension challenge: Research three more words ending in -cious and three more ending in -tial. Can you find a rule that explains when to use each one?