

The Suffix *-ous*

As you read Eloise Greenfield’s personal narrative, “A Play,” you came across a word with the suffix *-ous*. A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. Each suffix has a meaning, and adding a suffix to a base word forms a new word with a different meaning. The suffix *-ous* means “full of.”

For the rest of the day, I was **famous**.

Famous combines the base word *fame* with the suffix *-ous*. Notice that the final *e* in *fame* was dropped when *-ous* was added.

Add *-ous* to a base word from the box to complete each sentence below.

Base Words					
fame	danger	nerve	humor	mountain	glamour

1. Autographs of _____ people can be worth a lot of money.
2. The poison from a snakebite can be very _____.
3. Maria’s uncle always tells jokes and _____ stories.
4. The movie star wore a _____ satin gown.
5. People go to _____ areas to snow ski.
6. I am _____ about taking the math test because I did not study enough.

Challenge



In words that end with *y*, change the *y* to *i* before adding *-ous*. Look up the words *glory*, *vary*, and *fury* in a dictionary. Add *-ous* to each base word and write the definition for each new word. Then write a sentence for each new word.