

Words ending with –cious and –tious

Sometimes a root word will give you a clue which spelling to choose:

- Words ending in –tion change to tious – ambition/ ambitious
- Words ending in –ce change to –cious – grace / gracious

cautious infectious nutritious pretentious fictitious superstitious

conscious precious vicious gracious ferocious delicious suspicious spacious

Can you use the words above to complete these sentences?

I was _____ of the time – I was running late.

You have to be _____ when using tools.

This room is very _____; I could fit 3 sofas in it!

The story he told me was _____, as it was all made up.

The detective was _____ of the criminal.

That cake is very _____, but not very _____.

My necklace is _____, so I keep it in a box.

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb/articles/zp7dk7h>

Add –tious to turn these nouns into adjectives!

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| ✓ ambition | _____ |
| ✓ caution | _____ |
| ✓ contention | _____ |
| ✓ expedition | _____ |
| ✓ nutrition | _____ |
| ✓ repetition | _____ |
| ✓ superstition | _____ |

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- office _____
- space _____
- grace _____
- malice _____
- vice _____

Most words ending with the 'shus' sound are spelt **-cious**.

Can you add -cious to each of these word beginnings and then find out what they mean?

auda _____	
atro _____	
offi _____	
auspi _____	
vora _____	
capa _____	
pre _____	

gra _____	
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