

Word Endings — The 'shus' Sound



When it comes at the end of words, the 'shus' sound can be spelt in different ways.

luscious

infectious

noxious

If the root word ends in '-ce', the 'shus' sound is usually spelt '-cious'.

grace

gracious

1 Fill in the missing letter to finish each word correctly.

- deli.....ious overambi.....ious obno.....ious infec.....ious
- ficti.....ious mali.....ious uncontent.....ious viva.....ious

2 Draw lines from the word beginnings to the correct word endings.

an-

ungra-

cau-

conscien-

atro-

no-

-tious

-xious

-cious

Write the completed words in the box.

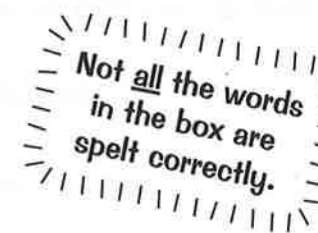
3 Write each of these words with the correct 'shus' ending.

- cons- →
- scrupp- →
- spa- →
- preten- →
- ambi- →
- lus- →

4 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.

ambitious / ambitious pretious / precious gracious/gracious

- Karen's teddy bear is very to her.
- Andy is very — he wants to win.
- Good, we almost ran over a cat!



5 Complete the words in these sentences using -cious or -tious.

- Lisa's dog likes to bite people — he's very fero.....
- My mum never walks under ladders because she's supersti.....
- Fruit is healthy and nutri.....
- Not all diseases can spread to others — some are non-infec.....
- A coconut hit Tarrick on the head and knocked him uncon.....
- Mark's pasta bake is deli.....
- The idea of abolishing school uniform is a conten..... issue.

6 Add the correct 'shus' ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.

- suspi.....
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- semicons.....
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- atro.....
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