



Hyphenating prefixes

Some words always need a hyphen. Other words can have two different meanings depending on if they have a hyphen or not. Spellasauruses know which words need hyphens...

1. Draw lines to join each prefix to the correct word.

Write the completed words in the box. All the words need a hyphen.

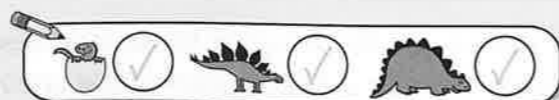
ex	—	wife	ex-wife
self		enter	
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2. Write the words below in the correct place in the table.

re-mark remark re-sign resign re-treat retreat

Word	Definition
.....	To mention or say something.
.....	To treat someone again.
.....	To quit your job.
.....	To sign something again.
.....	To mark something again.
.....	To pull back or back down.

Did those tricky hyphens get the better of you?
Draw a tick to show how well you think you did.



Words ending in 'cial' and 'tial'

The best way to crack these tricky endings is to practise, practise, practise. So, let's get going...

1. Complete the words in these sentences by adding **cial** or **tial**.

The police are trying to stop antiso..... behaviour.

Preparations are being made for the next presiden..... election.

Kelly doesn't think it's fair that Rebecca gets preferen..... treatment.

Judo is a mar..... art that originates from Japan.

During the storm, our house only suffered superfi..... damage.

2. Draw lines to complete each word with the correct ending.

Write the completed words in the box.

influen	—	cial	influential
unsubstan			
provin			
sacrifi		tial	
residen			
offi			

3. Add **cial** or **tial** to complete these words, and then use each of them in a sentence.

impar *Jason needed some impartial advice on spending his pocket money.*.....

artifi

ini

commer

It's great to be a Spellasaurus. Are you on your way to becoming a big Spellasaurus? Tick to show your level.



 **Words ending in 'ous'**

1. Add **ous** to the end of these words, and write the new words on the lines.
Remember — the spelling of the root word may need to change.

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| poison + ous = | nerve + ous = |
| vary + ous = | danger + ous = |
| hazard + ous = | humour + ous = |
| courage + ous = | adventure + ous = |

2. Circle the words that are spelt incorrectly.
Write the correct spelling of each incorrect word in the box.

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| hilareous | outragous | jealous | religeous |
| anonymious | generous | preveous | gorgous |

hilarious

3. **One** word in each of the sentences below is spelt incorrectly.
Circle the mistake, and write the word out correctly on the line.

- The wizards chanted a mystereous spell.
- I was feeling nausious after the car journey.
- There was a continous buzzing sound.
- Adam was enveous of Ed's new bike.
- The sun was shining, so we had a spontanious picnic.

Spellasauruses are fabulous at spelling words ending in 'ous'. Are you? Tick to show how this page went.



 **Words ending in 'cious' and 'tious'**

The word endings on this page are simply delicious. You'll gobble them up in no time at all.

1. Circle the words that are spelt incorrectly.
Write the correct spelling of each incorrect word in the box.

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| lustious | ungratious | contentious | pretencious |
| vivacious | vitious | spatious | malicious |

luscious

2. Underline the word in **bold** that has the correct ending in each sentence.

Some people thought that flying to the moon was (**overambitious** / **overambicious**).

Richard's doughnuts looked very (**scrumpcious** / **scrumptious**).

Kareem is pleased to hear his illness is not (**infectious** / **infeccious**).

The man outside the bakery looked very (**suspitious** / **suspicious**).

Fruit and vegetables are said to be very (**nutricious** / **nutritious**).

3. Complete the words in this passage by adding **cious** or **tious**.

Calvin thinks Viv is overcau..... when it comes to running. Before going for a jog, she wraps her knees and elbows in bubble wrap because she says her joints are pre..... Viv's also a bit supersti....., so she takes a four-leaf clover along for luck. She thinks it works because when a fero..... dog approached her, she managed to shoo it away.

Some words on this page are as long as a Spellasaurus's tail. How did you get on?

