

Handwriting sheet: Precursive Arrow worksheet

Word list: Adjectives ending in *ous*

There are two ways of spelling the *schwa* in the *us* sound when it falls at the end of a word: *us* and *ous*.

Fortunately there is an easy trick to help you remember when to use which spelling pattern:

The spelling pattern *us* is used for people, places, or things; like in the words *cactus*, *fungus*, or *octopus*.

The *ous* ending, on the hand, is used for descriptive words like *poisonous*, *jealous*, and *enormous*.

Adjectives ending in *ous* are commonly used in English to describe being *full of* or *possessing the quality of* a base word. For example, *ambitious* means being *full of ambition* and *curious* means *possessing the quality of curiosity*.

adventurous

anonymous

disastrous

enormous

fabulous

famous

generous

hazardous

jealous

joyous

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miraculous

mischievous

momentous

mountainous

nervous

numerous

prosperous

ravenous

ridiculous

tremendous