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## Suffix -ous Mini Test

1. Match up the **root word** in Column A with the matching **suffix ending in -ous** in Column B.

4 marks

### Column A

fame

victory

courage

poison

### Column B

poisonous

victorious

famous

courageous

2. The **root words** in Column A need the **suffix -ous** adding to them. Fill in Column B.

5 marks

### Column A

joy

mountain

humour

courage

fury

### Column B

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3. For each of the above **root words** explain the rule you used to change it into an -ous word.

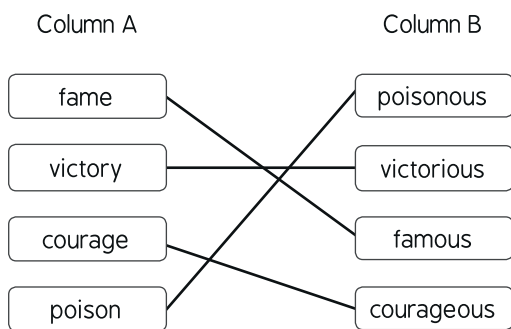
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Word	Rule Used
joy	<hr/> <hr/>
mountain	<hr/> <hr/>
humour	<hr/> <hr/>
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1 Match up the root word in Column A with the matching suffix ending in -ous in Column B.

4 marks



2 The root words in Column A need the suffix -ous adding to them. Fill in Column B.

5 marks

Column A	Column B
joy	joyous
mountain	mountainous
humour	humorous
courage	courageous
fury	furious

3 For each of the above root words explain the rule you used to change it into an -ous word.

5 marks

Word	Rule Used
joy	<i>When a word ends with a vowel and y, keep the y.</i>
mountain	<i>If none of the other rules apply we just add -ous onto the ending.</i>
humour	<i>-our is changed to -or before -ous is added.</i>
courage	<i>A final e of the root word must be kept if the word ends in ge.</i>
fury	<i>When a word ends in a consonant and y, change the y to i before the suffix -ous is added.</i>