

Miss Johnson's Spelling Group – Autumn Term 1

(Week beginning 7th September 2026)

Week 1

Adding the suffix '-ous'. (meaning 'full of') Sometimes the root word is obvious (i.e. **poisonous**) Other times it isn't (i.e. **jealous**)

**poisonous dangerous joyous hazardous mountainous momentous
jealous enormous tremendous fabulous**

Week 2

Adding the suffix '-ous'. If the root word ends in '-our' it is changed to '-or' before the suffix is added (i.e. **humour** - **humorous**)

glamorous humorous vigorous odorous rigorous

If the root word ends in a 'y', the 'y' becomes an 'i' (**envy** – **envious**)

various envious studious furious mysterious

Week 3

Adding the suffix '-ous'. If there is an /i/ sound before the '-ous' ending, it is usually spelt as 'i', but a few words have an 'e' instead.

**serious obvious curious tedious previous devious hideous
courteous spontaneous nauseous**

Week 4

Adding the suffix '-ous'. If the root word ends in an 'e', the 'e' is dropped (**nerve** – **nervous**)

**famous nervous spacious gracious ridiculous carnivorous
adventurous**

If the root word ends in an 'e' and it follows a soft 'g', it is then kept (**outrage** – **outrageous**)

courageous outrageous advantageous

Week 5 - Red Tricky Words

**accident believe strange reign interest possible grammar woman
women promise**

Week 6 - Red Tricky Words

**therefore opposite ordinary perhaps pressure particular calendar
popular position possess**

Week 7

ASSESSMENT – Thursday 22nd or Friday 23rd October 2026