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-ous words

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Remember: Say the word aloud, then say each letter aloud **as you write it** e.g. 'odious, o ... d ... i ... o ... u ... s'

Odious (o/di/ous) is another word for hateful or disgusting.

odious odious

If a rock is **porous (por/ous)**, it has holes in it that let water through.

porous porous

Aqueous (a/que/ous) is another word for watery.

aqueous aqueous

If something is **arduous (ar/du/ous)**, then it is difficult and tiring to do.

arduous arduous

To be **callous (cal/lous)** means to have no concern for other people.

callous callous

A **copious (co/pi/ous)** amount is a very large amount.

copious copious

Heinous (hei/nous) means really evil.

heinous heinous

Igneous (ig/ne/ous) rocks are formed when lava cools down.

igneous igneous

To be **jealous (jea/lous)** is to be unhappy because of what someone else has.

jealous jealous

To have an **ominous (o/mi/nous)** feeling means you expect something bad.

ominous ominous

Now test yourself without looking at the words and **check for yourself** if you got them all right. Practice writing any words that you made mistakes on again.

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Try to spell each word without looking at it.

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