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-ous and -ious suffixes

The suffixes **-ous** and **-ious** mean 'to have the characteristics of' something. Words with these suffixes are adjectives and are used to describe what something else is like.

1. ambitious
2. anonymous
3. religious
4. atrocious
5. cantankerous
6. curious
7. delicious
8. enormous
9. flirtatious
10. gracious
11. hilarious
12. malicious
13. mischievous
14. synonymous

Definitions

1. **mechanical (adjective)** – like a machine
2. **accidental (adjective)** – not done on purpose
3. **accurate (adjective)** – right or correct
4. **aggressive (adjective)** – ready to attack
5. **beautiful (adjective)** – pleasing to the senses or to the mind
6. **cantankerous (adjective)** – bad-tempered, wanting to argue, not helpful
7. **considerate (adjective)** – helpful and thoughtful towards others
8. **efficient (adjective)** – working in a well-organised way; not wasteful
9. **dainty (adjective)** – delicately small and pretty
10. **dreary (adjective)** – dull, boring or repetitive
11. **easy (adjective)** – can be done without much effort or work
12. **grouchy (adjective)** – bad-tempered, irritable, complaining
13. **greedy (adjective)** – showing a strong desire to get lots of things and possessions for one's self
14. **temporary (adjective)** – lasting for only a short period of time; not permanent
15. **unhappy (adjective)** – feeling sad or upset