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Key Words

anxious  
curious  
furious  
previous  
victorious

hideous  
courteous

vicious  
precious  
conscious  
delicious  
malicious  
suspicious

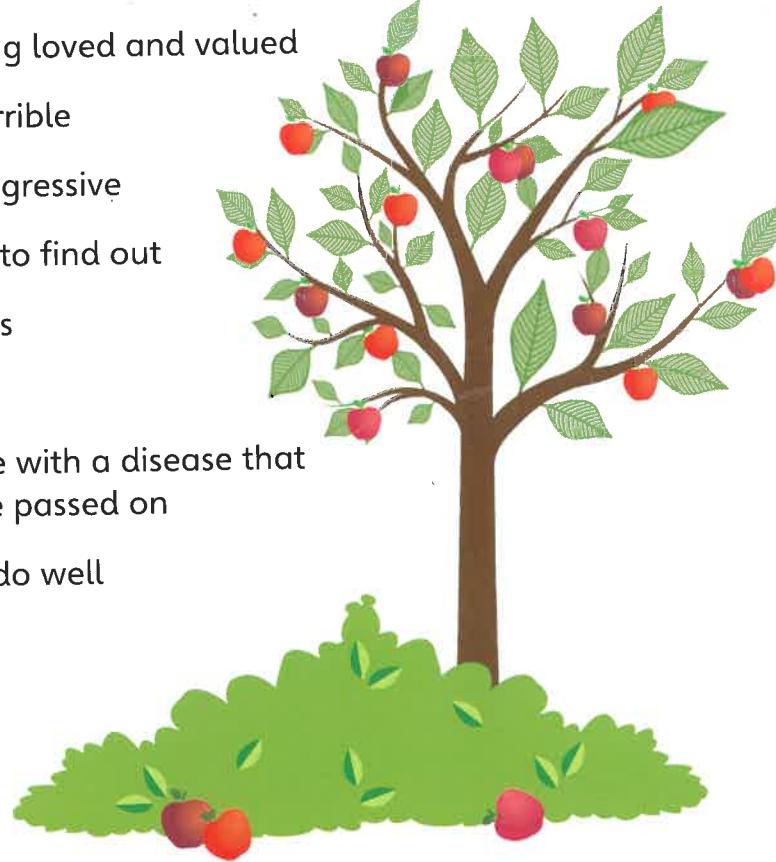
ambitious  
cautious  
fictitious  
infectious  
nutritious



Focus

Match a key word to each of these definitions.

- 1 food that is likely to be good for you
- 2 something loved and valued
- 3 looks horrible
- 4 wildly aggressive
- 5 wanting to find out
- 6 very cross
- 7 careful
- 8 someone with a disease that might be passed on
- 9 keen to do well
- 10 tasty



Extra

Remember, when adding the suffix **ous** or **ious** to words ending with **our**, first drop the **u** in the word to which the suffix is added, like this:

vapor    vaporous

- A** Copy these words into your book and then, next to each one, write the word with the **ous** or **ious** suffix added.

1 victor    2 labour    3 vigour    4 glamour



The last one is tricky!

There are other tricky letters in some **ous** words. If there is an 'i' (as in hit) sound, it is usually spelt as 'i', like this:

serious    furious

- B** Copy each of these words in your book and next to each one write its 'root' word.

The first one is done to help you. What do you notice?

1 furious *fury*    2 various    3 glorious    4 victorious    5 anxious

- C** Copy each of these words in your book and next to each one write its 'root'. What do you notice?

1 hideous    2 gorgeous    3 outrageous    4 courageous

Extension

Tip 1: When adding the **ious** suffix, if the root word ends in **ce** there is usually a **c** before the **ious**, like this:

grace    gracious

Tip 2: If there is a family word that ends **tion** then there is usually a **t** before the **ious**, like this:

ambition    ambitionious

Write the **ious** family word for these words. Consider the tips in the box carefully.

- 1 space    2 vice    3 infection    4 malice  
5 caution    6 nutrition    7 ambition    8 fiction



You might need to check the last one in a dictionary!