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1. Worked example

Spell the adjective from malice

Step 1 · Look at the end of the root

malice ends in -ce

Step 2 · A -ce root keeps the c

mali + cious

Answer: malicious

Check: Say it: ma-li-cious. Like vicious from vice.

2. Now try one with the steps

Spell the adjective from nutrition

Step 1 · Look at the end of the root

Step 2 · A -tion root usually gives -tious

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Add -ous to make an adjective: space

2. Add -ous to make an adjective: grace

3. Write the adjective that comes from caution.

4. Write the adjective that comes from ambition.

5. Write the adjective that comes from infection.

6. Complete with -cial or -tial: offi___

7. Complete with -cial or -tial: essen___

8. Complete with -cial or -tial: so___

9. Complete with -cial or -tial: par___

10. Correct the spelling: 'The dog had a viscious bark.'

11. Correct the spelling: 'We had a nutricious lunch.'

12. Which word breaks the -cial/-tial rule: initial, crucial or partial?

13. Write the -cial word that comes from finance.

14. Explain how knowing the root word helps you spell spacious and cautious.

4. Before you hand it in

viscious, spacsious
vicious: vice + -ous. Only the c from the root is needed.

ambicious, cautcious
Check the root: ambition and caution have t, so ambitious and cautious.

specially spelt 'spetial', partial spelt 'parcial'

Vowel before → -cial (special). Consonant before → -tial (partial).

Forgetting the exceptions: inicial, finantial

Learn initial (-tial) and financial, commercial, provincial (-cial) by heart.