

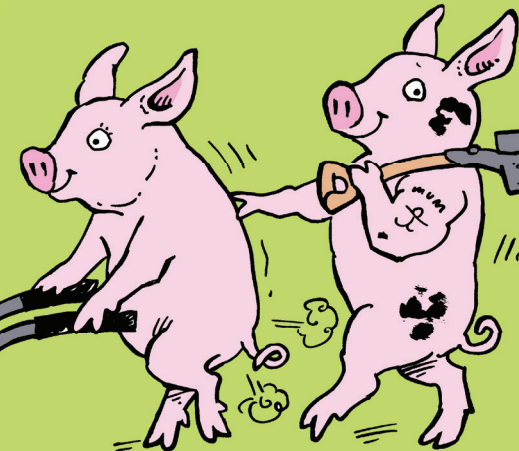
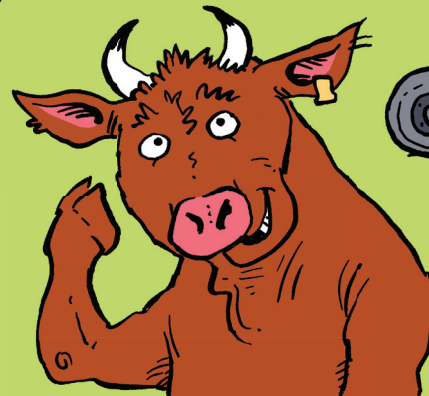
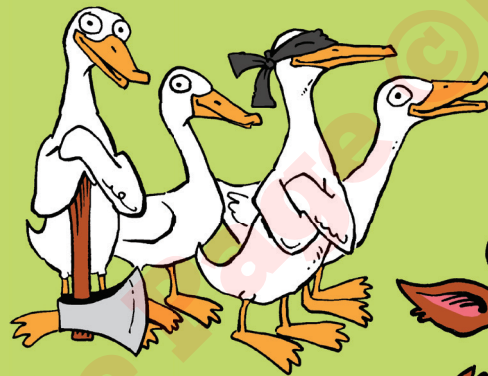
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# WORD FARM



Set deep in the countryside and hidden away behind these iron gates lies Word Farm. Chris is the owner of Word Farm. You can see him coming through the gates on the left.

Word Farm is the place where words are taken apart, recycled and put back together. This is dangerous work. Broken words leak letter radiation and the animals have become hyper-intelligent! This is good news for Chris because the animals help him with his work.

## Construction shed

Bring your ear plugs because this is where all the action is. This is the home of...

## ... Baarbara and the Heavy Metal Gang

Baarbara, Martha and their gang are the flock who rock! They're the word wranglers. They find the best way to join letters by tying them together, stitching them up or welding them in place. They're great music fans, too, and love a bit of thrash metal! Can you see Baarbara? She's the one wearing a welding mask!

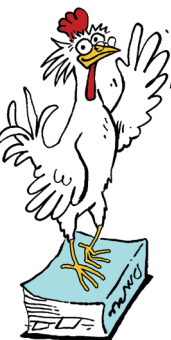
# AROUND THE FARM

## Letter shack

This is where the chickens hang out.

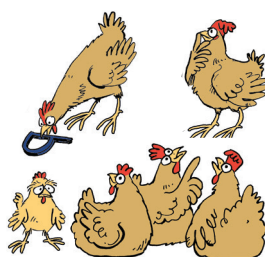
## Eggstein

Eggstein is an egg-straordinary clever chicken and a proper egghead! He's in charge of the Chicken Picker Crew but he's always crowing on about something...



## Chicken Picker Crew

These birds are the real workers on the farm. They sort through the letters and words, choosing which ones need to go together. They're told what to do by Eggstein but he talks so much that they sometimes forget to listen! Who can blame them?



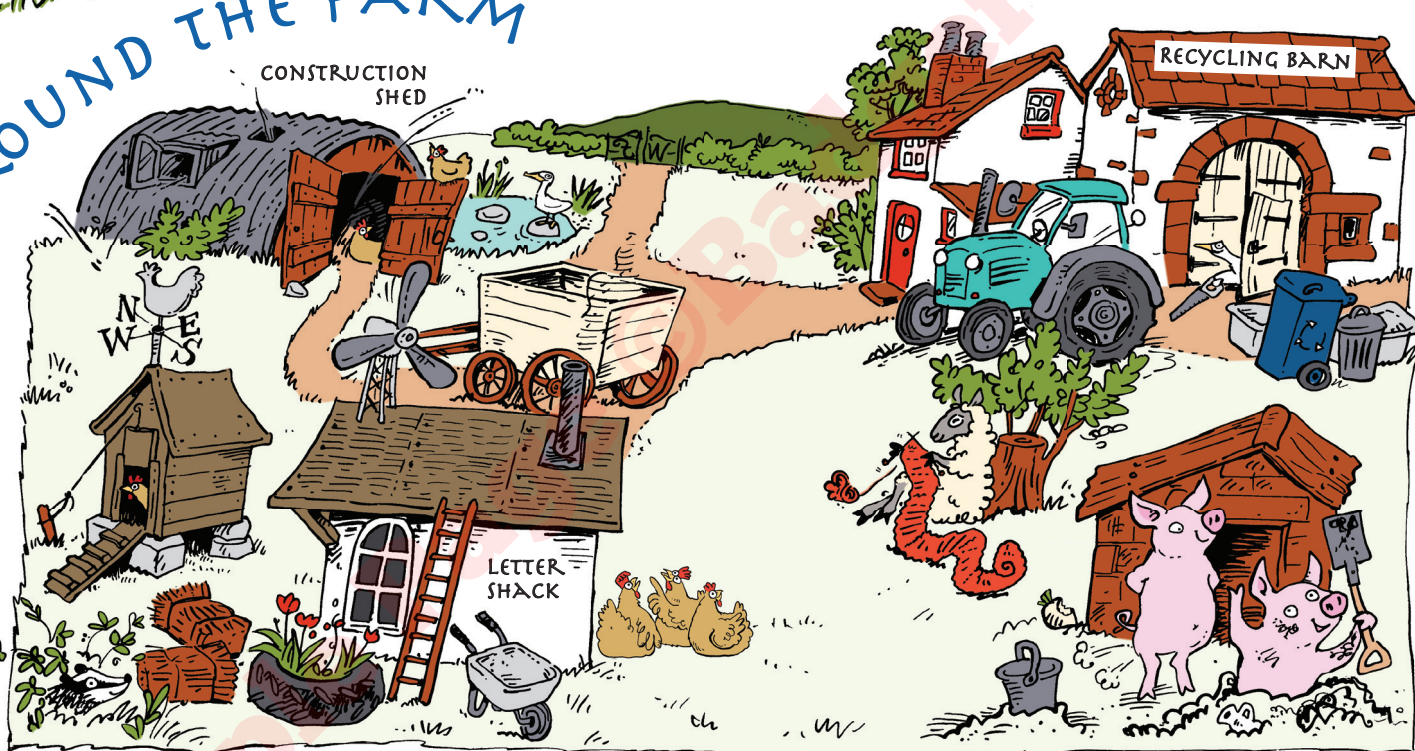
## Rooter and Tooter

Rooter and Tooter root out words from all over the world. We'll leave it to you to guess which pig is which!



## Terry and Crumb

The two silliest bulls on the farm. They're just too daft for most word work but they try hard to make the other animals smile!



## William

This horse is William. He pulls the heavy letters and words around between the workshops.



## Recycling barn

This is the place where words are chopped up ready to be reused, but it's also the training ground for ...

## The Duck Squad

These ducks love to pull words apart and break them up into little lettery pieces. Working with chainsaws, sledgehammers or just their highly-trained wings, they can split up words for recycling. The true identity of the Ninja Duck is a mystery...





# Introduction

There are hundreds of thousands of words in the English language so it's hardly surprising that everyone mis-spells a word once in a while! Learning the correct spelling for each one of those words would be impossible but help is at hand: learning some simple rules will help you to spell lots of words. This book has been made to help you learn these rules and become a successful speller.

Things to look out for in this book:



Eggstein's hints are really useful and they will make your work easier. Don't forget to read them.



This picture shows you that using a dictionary could help you to answer the questions.



English is made up from lots of other languages and there are some words that don't follow the rules. Examples of these words appear in the Wacky Word Warning signs.



After most sections there's a chance for you to practise your spellings as part of a mini-spelling test. Your teacher will tell you which words to write in the spaces.

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## Endings that sound like /shus/ spelt -cious or -tious

Information

The animals have been asked to make lots of adjectives ending with the sound /shus/.

This sound can be made using -tious or -cious

pre

nutri

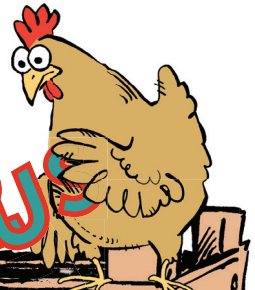
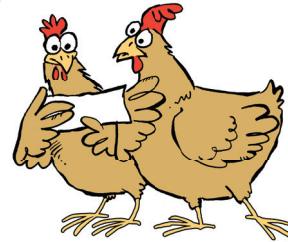
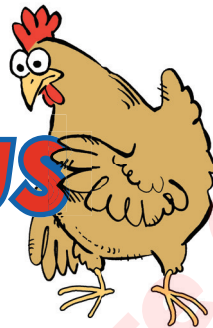
tious

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The chickens were not sure which word ending the sheep needed so they have brought both.

...but which word endings are we supposed to use?



**SHUS  
SOUNDS**



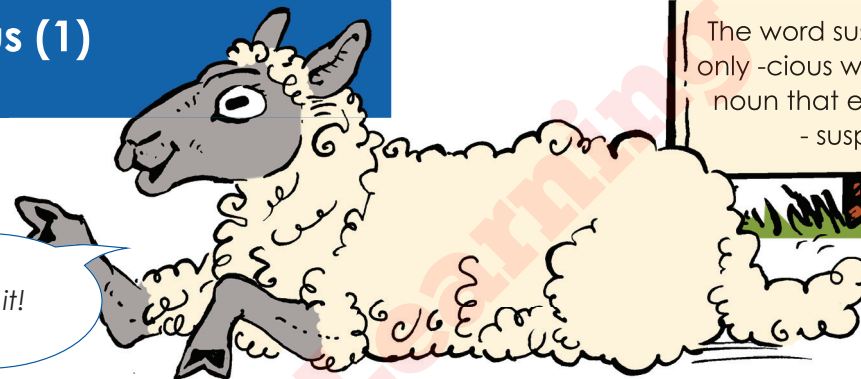
# Endings that sound like /shus/ spelt -cious or -tious (1)

## Adding -tious



If the start of the word can also have a /shun/ ending then the sheep should add -tious.

Got it!



The word suspicious is the only -cious word that has a noun that ends in /shun/ - suspicion.

Add -tious to make these nouns into adjectives.

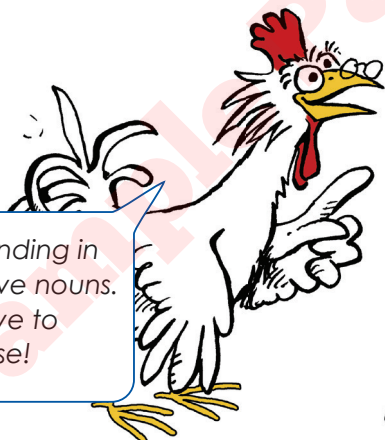
Noun: ambition caution contention expedition infection

Adjective: ambitious

Noun: nutrition ostentation pretention repetition superstition

Adjective: \_\_\_\_\_

A few words ending in -tious do not have nouns. You just have to learn these!

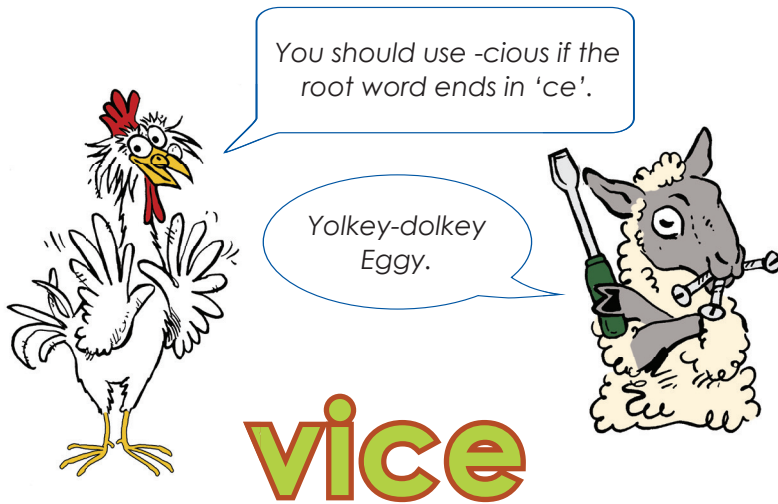


conscientious  
facetious  
scrumptious  
surreptitious



## Endings that sound like /shus/ spelt -cious or -tious (2)

### Adding -cious



Change these nouns into adjectives by adding -cious.

office \_\_\_\_\_

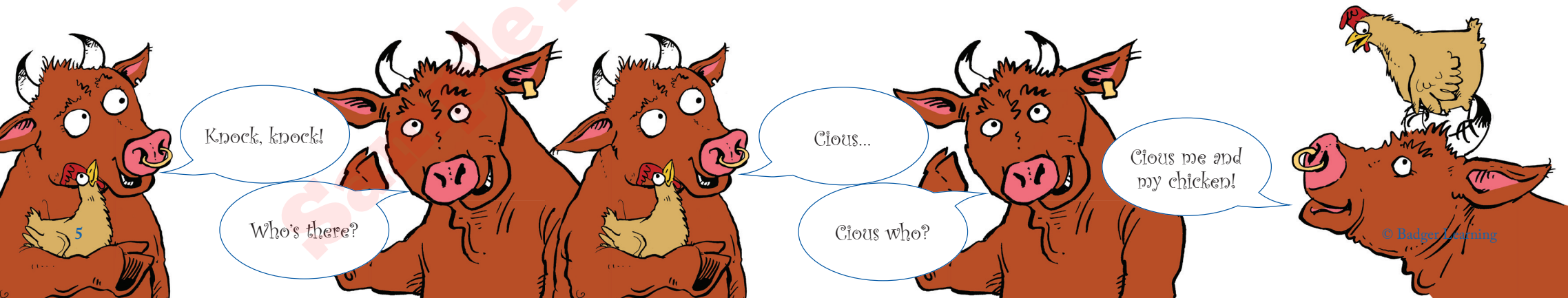
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grace \_\_\_\_\_

auspice \_\_\_\_\_

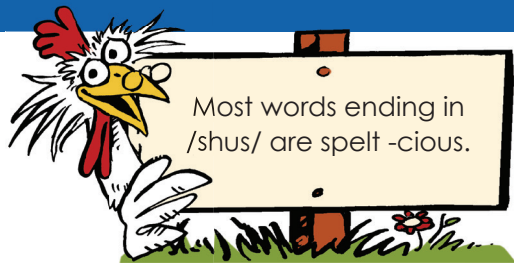
avarice \_\_\_\_\_

malice \_\_\_\_\_





Endings that sound like /shus/ spelt -cious or -tious (3)  
Adding -cious



Add -cious to each of these word beginnings. Can you find out what each word means?



atro <i>cious</i>	auda	auspi	capa
cons	deli	fero	gra
mali	offi	pre	spa
suspi	tena	uncons	vora

dreadful	<i>atrocious</i>
valuable or loved	
tasty	
fierce or violent	
hold onto, determined	

polite and kind	
daring and bold	
not aware	
bossy, self-important	
large capacity	
awake or aware	

large or roomy space	
cruel, wicked	
doubtful, wary	
fortunate or promising	
greedy or keen	



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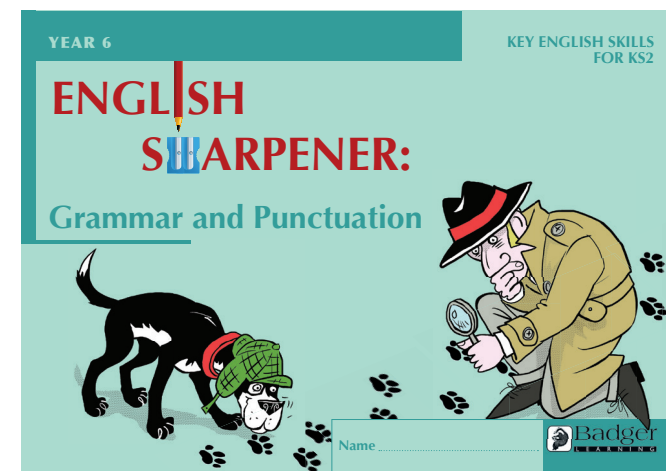
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