

# Spelling

## Delicious and nutritious!

Lots of adjectives end with the sound /shus/ – but there are two different ways of spelling this sound.

Sometimes the /shus/ sound is spelled 'cious'.

Sometimes the /shus/ sound is spelled 'tious'.

**Remember:** If the root word ends in 'ce', then the /shus/ sound is usually spelled 'cious'. So from the root word *space*, we can make the adjective *spacious*. If the root word ends in 'tion', then the /shus/ sound is usually spelled 'tious'. So the root word *ambition* becomes the adjective *ambitious*.

1. Write the adjective that goes with each of these root words, using the rules above. The first one has been done for you.

grace gracious

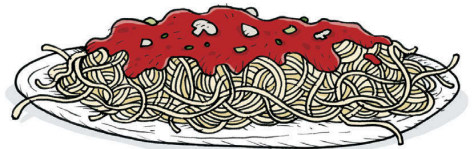
nutrition \_\_\_\_\_

space \_\_\_\_\_

malice \_\_\_\_\_

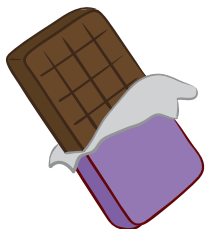
caution \_\_\_\_\_

infection \_\_\_\_\_



2. Fill the gaps in these sentences using the correct /shus/ word.

- a. I love eating chocolate – it's \_\_\_\_\_!
- b. My mum likes me to eat brown bread because it is more \_\_\_\_\_ than white bread.
- c. Our house is quite small, so my bedroom is not very \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. My sister has chicken-pox, which is \_\_\_\_\_.



Unfortunately, not all /shus/ words follow the rules on page 6. You just have to learn these words.

3. Here are some /shus/ words that have got mixed up. Sort them out by writing them in the two boxes below.

precious \* suspicious \* ambitious \* cautious \* fictitious \* vicious \* malicious \* pretentious  
 anxious \* repetitious \* scrumptious \* ferocious \* luscious

'cious'

'tious'

One of the mixed-up words doesn't fit in either box. Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Fill the gaps in these sentences with /shus/ words. Use the words you have put in the boxes above.

- My little brother looked so innocent that I started to feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- The triple-decker raspberry-chocolate-vanilla birthday cake was \_\_\_\_\_.
- My most \_\_\_\_\_ possession is my signed football shirt.
- I didn't want to go round to Mrs Baxter's house because her dog is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'd like to be a rock star, but my mum says that is a bit over-\_\_\_\_\_.
- After my sister had sung 'The Wheels on the Bus' three hundred times, I started to find it a bit \_\_\_\_\_.
- I bit into the \_\_\_\_\_ peach and the juice dripped down my chin.
- I'm scared of heights, so I was very \_\_\_\_\_ about stepping onto the highest diving board.