English Spelling Rules
Worksheet

-ious or -eous

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in the above paragraph.
A. Look at the pictures and sentences. Write -ious or -eous in the spaces to complete the word with the correct spelling.

1. The cur______ squirrel looked for his favorite acorns. He had fun searching for them!

2. The crown in the museum is very expensive. It has many prec______ stones on it, like amethysts and pearls.

3. There was an outrag_____ story in the newspaper today. A man did not go to work for a year before he was fired!

4. If you are all very stud______ and dedicated in this course, you will become excellent nurses.
5. My cousin is a bit superstitious, so she does not like black cats. But she really loves white cats. She has four!

6. Once the chemical becomes gaseous, I will be able to measure its new temperature and density.

7. The whole evening was amazing. We had dinner in a fancy restaurant, and then we took a luxurious limousine to the concert.

8. I am sure there is an obvious solution, but I need help to figure it out.

9. I just love our new kitchen! It is so spacious and full of light. It is much better than the kitchen at our old house.
B. Look at the two pictures and the sentences below them. Write the spelling and pronunciation of the suffixes for the words in the sentences. Each pair uses one answer. **You will use each answer twice.**

a. -ious with a short U sound
b. -ious with a long E sound and a short U sound
c. -eous with a short U sound
d. -eous with a long E sound and a short U sound

1. Eric was very courag____ on his first day of school. I think that lowering prices is the most advantag_____ solution.

2. The supervisor was fur____ when he found out about the problem. Frank’s team was victor_____ in the championship.
3. I think kiwis are delic___!  Kelly is an ambit___ writer.

4. The princess wore a gorg___ glass shoe in the movie.  If you still feel naus___ in an hour, go see the school nurse.

5. The results of the experiment were erron____.  We will provide simultan____ interpretation during the event.
6. Emily went to a prestig____ college. Ted is a caut____ businessman.

7. The system gives instantan____ results. Kim is so nice! She loves to give her friends spontan____ hugs.

8. Tim is ser____ about tennis. This comedian is hilar____!

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Answer Key

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B.

1. c. -eous with a short U sound
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3. a. -ious with a short U sound
4. c. -eous with a short U sound
5. d. -eous with a long E sound and a short U sound
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