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| **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!**    The suffix –ous root word sheet  Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with  vowel letters. Sometimes there is no obvious root word.  –our is changed to –or before –ous is added.  A final ‘e’ must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of ‘g’ is to be kept.  If there is an /i:/ sound before the –ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e. | | |
| How to use the sort: Use after the children have done an open sort and a closed sort with the ous suffix. When they can apply the rules, give them this sort and a sheet with blank boxes to write the accompanying ous suffix. Create their own headings with the rules, sort the words and add in the words with the ous suffix too. Explain their reasoning to someone else. | | |
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| rigour | nerve | hazard |
| adventure | glamour | fame |
| labour | glutton | humour |
| fury | poison | mystery |
| vary | luxury | harmony |
| courage | mountain | danger |