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| **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!**    The suffix –ous  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. | | |
| After doing some word observations (see planning sheet), conduct an open sort then sort according to whether the word has an obvious root word or not. Then look at the ones that don’t have an obvious root word and sort according to the rule. |  |  |
| tremendous | enormous | jealous |
| humorous | glamorous | vigorous |
| courageous | outrageous | serious |
| obvious | curious | hideous |
| spontaneous | courteous |  |