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Word Endings: "ia," "ian," & "ious"

- Words ending in "ia" are pronounced "E-uh."
- Words ending in "ian" are pronounced "E-un."
- When a word ends in "ious," it is usually pronounced "E-us."

Word	Syllables	In Context
bacteria	bac•te•ri•a	Washing your hands kills many **bacteria**.
cafeteria	caf•e•te•ri•a	We took our lunch bags to the **cafeteria**.
encyclopedia	en•cy•clo•pe•di•a	Let's look up walruses in the **encyclopedia**.
librarian	li•brar•i•an	The **librarian** helped me find reference materials.
vegetarian	veg•e•tar•i•an	He's a **vegetarian** and won't eat any meat.
historian	his•to•ri•an	The town **historian** has records that are 150 years old.
various	var•i•ous	The bag was filled with **various** kinds of sweets.
curious	cu•ri•ous	The **curious** dog nudged the door open and slipped inside.
serious	se•ri•ous	The police are rushing to a **serious** accident.
obvious	ob•vi•ous	The answer is **obvious**.
furious	fu•ri•ous	The **furious** man started to shout threats.
hilarious	hi•lar•i•ous	The movie was **hilarious**, causing us to laugh a lot.
luxurious	lux•u•ri•ous	The hotel room was very **luxurious**.
mysterious	mys•te•ri•ous	The ring's **mysterious** disappearance had me baffled.
previous	pre•vi•ous	The **previous** owners painted the room red.

Write the spelling word that begins and ends with same letters as the word given. Each spelling word is used just once.

Example: gas glorious

1. lion _____
2. versus _____
3. mass _____
4. camera _____
5. hyphen _____
6. locks _____
7. orphans _____
8. paths _____
9. ballerina _____
10. hands _____
11. canvas _____
12. vein _____
13. fuss _____
14. species _____
15. era _____

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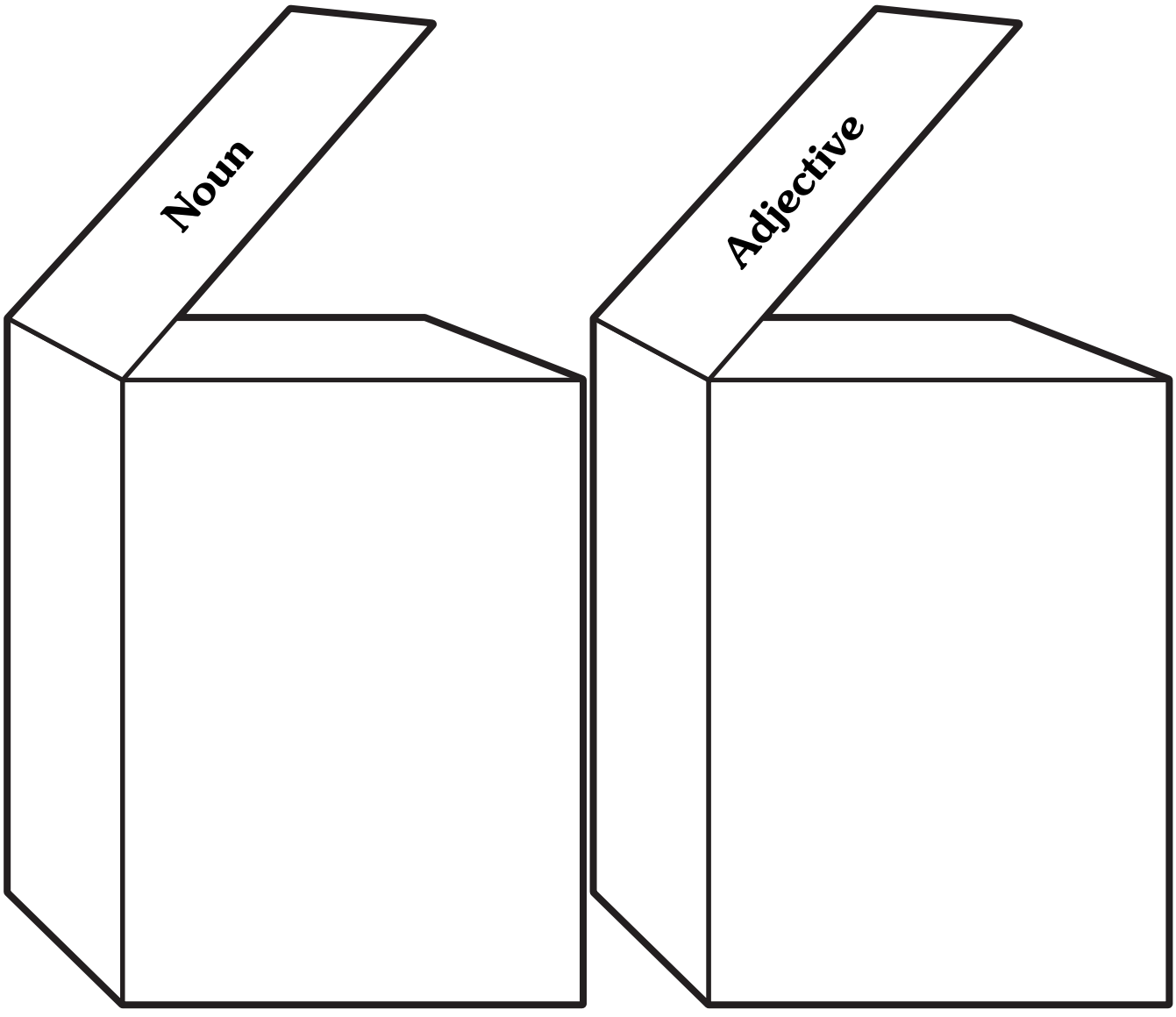
Word Endings: "ia," "ian," & "ious" *(cont.)*

Word Sort

Parts of Speech

- ❑ **Nouns:** people, places, or things—such as *restaurant*, *recruit* (person), and *record* (physical file)
- ❑ **Adjectives:** words that describe and give details—such as *real* and *reasonable*

Sort the spelling words in this lesson into their parts of speech. Write each spelling word inside the correct box. You may use a dictionary. The parts of speech will appear abbreviated and in italics, like this: *n*. and *adj*.