Spellings: Suffixes ending with -cious -tious

The rule:

-cious is used when the root word ends in –ce.

E.g. grace → gracious

-tious is used when the root word ends in 't' or can have 'tion' as a suffix.

E.g. infect → infectious

Fiction → fictious

Exceptions

Anxious, nauseous

Activity 1 – Wordsearch

N	Z	G	N	I	N	F	E	C	T	I	O	U	S
K	L	T	R	U	N	Z	J	O	A	S	K	A	D
S	Z	S	R	D	T	C	B	T	U	B	P	S	E
V	U	D	V	K	W	R	A	O	K	R	H	K	L
C	M	S	W	I	F	Y	I	U	L	X	T	X	I
C	S	O	P	M	C	C	L	T	T	J	Q	J	C
O	P	B	B	I	E	I	O	T	I	I	G	N	I
N	G	J	I	R	C	R	O	N	S	O	O	G	O
S	N	U	P	A	S	I	B	U	K	L	U	U	U
C	S	Q	X	D	J	O	O	A	S	P	N	S	S
I	J	O	K	J	H	J	D	U	L	M	T	J	R
O	A	M	B	I	T	I	O	U	S	G	Y	N	J
U	J	F	I	C	T	I	T	I	O	U	S	G	L
S	A	V	P	V	S	M	L	Z	O	D	H	H	F

vicious
precious
delicious
conscious
suspicious
ambitious
cautious
fictitious
infectious
nutritious

Activity 2 – Crack the Code

Your mission: Each word ending in -cious or -tious has been hidden in a clue. Work out the word, decide which ending it has, and explain how you know.

1. I mean "very careful to avoid danger."

   Answer: _____

2. I mean "having a strong desire to succeed."

   Answer: _____

3. I mean "very tasty."

   Answer: _____

4. I mean "full of healthy food or goodness."

   Answer: _____

5. I mean "very valuable or loved."

   Answer: _____

6. I mean "fierce or cruel."

   Answer: _____