



Famous Amos Cookies



A **noun** is a person, place or thing. Cookie is a noun. It's a thing we can see, smell, feel, taste, and maybe even hear, if we break it.

An **adjective** is a word that describes nouns. Famous Amos, Bite-Size, and Chocolate Chip are words that describe these cookies. We often add -ous to describe things. Delicious, numerous, and odorous are adjectives. These words could describe the cookies.

Note: Adjectives can describe abstract nouns, too. **Abstract nouns** are things that we cannot actually touch like joy, courage, or fame.

Sometimes we just write the noun (person, place, or thing) & add an -ous to make it an adjective (describing word).

Is it known to be filled with joy? It's joyous.

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| 1. joyous | joy |
| 2. odorous | odor |
| 3. humorous | humor |
| 4. rigorous | rigor |
| 5. venomous | venom |
| 6. poisonous | poison |
| 7. hazardous | hazard |
| 8. courageous | courage |

Sometimes we drop the final vowel and let another vowel do the magic.

(Any vowel can jump. Let another vowel do the magic.)

Are they known for their fame? They're famous. Is it known for having a lot of space? It's spacious.

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| 1. famous | fame (-e) |
| 2. spacious | space (e-i) |
| 3. various | vary (y-i) |
| 4. furious | fury (y-i) |
| 5. glorious | glory (y-i) |
| 6. gracious | grace (e-i) |

Sometimes the base word is shortened.

Is s/he filled with **anxiety**? S/he is **anxious**.

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| 1. anxious | Latin origin, uneasy or troubled |
| 2. numerous | number (-b) |
| 3. wondrous | wonder (-e) |

Sometimes the root word/base word is unrecognizable.

Another word for beautiful is gorgeous, but it doesn't mean something is known for gorge.

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| 4. serious | Latin origin, weighty or grave |
| 5. obvious | Latin origin, open or exposed ob—toward + via—way |
| 6. jealous | Latin & Greek origin, seek or desire |
| 7. previous | Latin origin, pre—going before |
| 8. precious | Latin origin, price |
| 9. fabulous | Latin origin, fable (short story, usually with animals, conveys a moral) |

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| 10. generous | Latin origin, gene—to give birth |
| 11. gorgeous | French, unknown origin |
| 12. anonymous | Latin/Greek origin, without a name |
| 13. voracious | Latin origin, greedy |
| 14. obnoxious | Latin origin, ob—in the way + nox—injury or hurt |
| 15. delicious | Latin origin, delight |
| 16. ridiculous | Latin origin, to laugh (risible) |
| 17. curious | Latin origin, eager to know |
| 18. enormous | Latin origin, en—out of + norm—rule |

Sometimes it's a made-up word that combines two related words.

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| 1. humongous | American English, huge + monstrous |
| 2. bodacious | American English, bold + audacious |

FUN FACTS—

Very few words have THREE vowels in a row, and *most* words that do include the suffix -ous.

Here are a few of the words with three vowels in a row

(excluding words with qu- like *queen* and excluding those with -ous like *delicious*):

1. beauty, beautiful
2. onomatopoeia
3. liaison
4. shooed
5. archaeology

Here is a word with FIVE vowels in a row:

- queueing

(It's a gathering up of people who are waiting for something or lining up.)