

## mellifluous - PO 1

All these words have suffix *-ous*. Practice reading these words.

1. joyous	populous	fabulous
2. hazardous	mountainous	thunderous
3. marvelous	humorous	vigorous
4. ponderous	vaporous	stupendous
5. venomous	numerous	contagious

- A. Circle the word in the first row that means *merry or cheerful*.
- B. Underline the word in the first row that refers to many people.
- C. Circle the word in the second row that is synonymous with *risky*.
- D. Underline the word in the second row that describes wild applause at a football game.
- E. Circle the word in the third row that is an antonym of *dull* or *unimpressive*.
- F. Underline the word in the third row that is synonymous with *hilarious*.
- G. Circle the word in the fourth row that means *amazing*.
- H. Underline the word in the fourth row that means *careful and deliberate*.
- I. Circle the word in the fifth row that means *likely to spread quickly*.
- J. Underline the word in the fifth row that describes a rattlesnake.

## mellifluous - PO 2

Underline all the words with the suffix *-ous*.

### Mellifluous Honey

Honey has a long history. Over 8,000 years ago, humans were hunting for honey. In a cave painting in Spain, there is a depiction of two honey-gatherers collecting honey. The oldest remains of honey date back to 4,700-5,500 years ago. The remains were found in an ancient tomb in Georgia (a mountainous country located between Eastern Europe and Western Asia). Honey was buried with the deceased to accompany him or her on the journey to the afterlife and make the journey less hazardous.

Honey is produced from nectar that is collected by honeybees from plants and stored in the honeycomb inside beehives. The honeycomb is collected from beehives by smoking the hives to pacify, or calm, the bees. After the honeycomb is taken from the hive, the honey is extracted and filtered. In processing honey, there are different classifications: pasteurized honey is heated, and this can affect its appearance, taste, and fragrance; raw honey is not heated and may contain some pollen or wax from the honeycomb; and creamed honey is whipped or spun to produce a smooth consistency.

Medically, there are numerous uses of honey. Some marvelous medicinal uses of honey include treatment of ulcers, wounds, burns, stomach disturbances, and allergy problems. Honey is popular as a sweet food and is used in beverages as a sweetener and flavoring. Honey is pure food: It comes from the bee to the container. Nothing is added to honey; it is a joyous sweet treat that is good for you!

Draw a cave painting, such as the one in Spain, of two honey-gatherers collecting honey.