Spelling list: Nouns ending in *us*

When you hear the /us/ sound at the end of a noun, the spelling is *us* .

circus	I object to animals performing in a **circus** .
crocus	The nicest flower to appear in spring is the **crocus** .
focus	It was difficult to **focus** on the moving car.
discus	She threw the **discus** at the athletics event.
fungus	A mushroom is a type of **fungus** .
surplus	All the **surplus** stock was given to charity.
bonus	The free meal at the event was a **bonus** .
chorus	I've been chosen to sing in the **chorus** .
virus	On holiday he caught a **virus** .
status	The **status** bar shows what documents you are working on.
genius	Einstein was a **genius** .
prospectus	We have asked for the college **prospectus** .
stimulus	Babies enjoy the **stimulus** of colourful toys.
terminus	The rail **terminus** is the final station on the line.
thesaurus	Use a **thesaurus** to widen your vocabulary.
apparatus	Do you have the correct **apparatus** for this experiment?
asparagus	James doesn't eat **asparagus** .
brontosaurus	The **brontosaurus** was common in North America.
hippopotamus	Hippo is short for **hippopotamus** .

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