

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