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**.