

**Greek/Latin Root Words** – Note the definition of each of the following root words. Write the root word in the blank spaces to form another word.

**Root Words**

**Definitions**

1. **uni**                      **one**  
Example: In parades clowns ride \_ \_ \_ **cycles**, a mode of transportation with one wheel.
2. **mono**                      **one**  
Example: Since my grandfather has only one working eye, he needs a \_ \_ \_ \_ **cle** instead of glasses.
3. **bi, bin, di**                      **two**  
Example: The U.S. Congress is \_ \_ **cameral**, including the House of Representatives and the Senate.
4. **du, duo**                      **two**  
Example: For the soccer game Mary and I sang a \_ \_ **et** of the national anthem.
5. **tri**                              **three**  
Example: A geometric shape with three sides is a \_ \_ \_ **angle**.
6. **quad, quar**                      **four**  
Example: If you swear in shop class, you must put a \_ \_ \_ \_ **ter** in a jar.
7. **tetra**                              **four**  
Example: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **tomic** means having four atoms or groups.
8. **penta**                              **five**  
Example: While in Washington, D.C., we visited the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **gon**.
9. **quin, quint**                      **five**  
Example: The woman who had \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **uplets** made the 6 o'clock new.
10. **hex, sex**                              **six**  
Example: Nightly Bob sings with five other men in a \_ \_ \_ **tet**.

**Completing the Sentence** –From the root words in this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Adding the given the prefix (beginning) or suffix (ending), write the correct new word in the blank spaces.

1. Because they needed a fourth member, Bob joined the \_\_\_\_\_ (**rille**), a four-person competitive square dancing team.
2. The teacher lectured in a \_\_\_\_\_ (**tone**) voice as the students dozed on their desks.
3. During World War II, many Jews were forced to wear a yellow \_\_\_\_\_ (**agram**), a six-pointed star, on their sleeves.
4. The Starbucks by my house has only one \_\_\_\_\_ (**sex**) bathroom.
5. By the end of two weeks, I wait desperately for my \_\_\_\_\_ (**weekly**) paycheck.
6. While watching the news, I heard about the woman who gave birth to \_\_\_\_\_ (**tuplets**); I can't imagine having five kids at one time.
7. The first five books of the Bible are most commonly known as the \_\_\_\_\_ (**teuch**).
8. My favorite dinosaur has three horns and is called a \_\_\_\_\_ (**ceratops**).
9. Instead of living in a van down by the river, I upgraded to a \_\_\_\_\_ (**plex**).
10. I have an unusual camera stand; it has four legs instead of three and it is called a \_\_\_\_\_ (**pod**).

**Choosing the Right Word** – Circle the **boldface** word that best completes each of the following sentences.

1. A cube with six faces is called a (**hexahedron**, **quatrahedron**).
2. The student did not want to attend his five-year class reunion; he believed (**centennials**, **quinquennials**) were silly.
4. The (**decathlon**, **pentathlon**) is not exciting to watch on TV; the five-part track and field event is just too long.
4. Shakespeare wrote his sonnets with stanzas of four lines long called (**quatrains**, **couplets**).
5. Weekly on *The O.C.* I watch the love (**triangle**, **quadrangle**) among three characters.
6. In *Romeo and Juliet*, Mercutio and Tybalt get into a deadly (**fuel**, **duel**) with swords.
7. Due to my allergy to penicillin, my doctor put me on (**bicycline**, **tetracycline**), an antibiotic consisting of a four-ring serum, for my severe acne.
8. Deciding to do my homework or text-message my friends on my computer was quite the (**dilemma**, **digression**) for me.
9. Another word for autocratic government is (**democracy**, **monocracy**).
10. During the Scope's Monkey Trial, the jury came to a (**unanimous**, **multilateral**) decision that John Scopes was guilty.

**Synonyms** –From the root words in this unit, choose the one that is most nearly **the same** as the following groups of words. Adding the given the prefix (beginning) or suffix (ending), write the correct **new word** in the blank spaces.

1. two-faced, “double-cross” \_\_\_\_\_ (**plicity**)
2. one syllable words \_\_\_\_\_ (**syllabic**)
3. typical, model, ideal, classic \_\_\_\_\_ (**essential**)
4. four-wheeler \_\_\_\_\_ (**ricycle**)
5. 5-sided building in Washington, D.C. \_\_\_\_\_ (**gon**)
6. a four-lettered word \_\_\_\_\_ (**gram**)
7. clan, nation, social group \_\_\_\_\_ (**ibe**)
8. six-toed \_\_\_\_\_ (**digital**)
9. college, higher educational institution \_\_\_\_\_ (**versity**)
10. resident of two countries \_\_\_\_\_ (**national**)

**Antonyms** –From the root words in this unit, choose the one that is most nearly **the opposite** as the following groups of words. Adding the given the prefix (beginning) or suffix (ending), write the correct **new word** in the blank spaces.

1. unicameral \_\_\_\_\_ (**cameral**)
2. belief in many gods \_\_\_\_\_ (**theism**)
3. divided, separate \_\_\_\_\_ (**ted**)
4. original, singular \_\_\_\_\_ (**plicate**)
5. soloist \_\_\_\_\_ (**et**)