



# Prefixes

## Latin Numeral Prefixes

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<b>uni = one</b>	<b>bi = two</b>	<b>tri = three</b>
unit	biceps	trio
unity	biplane	triple
united	biped	triplets
unique	bifocal	tripod
unison	bisect	trilogy
unicorn	bicycle	trident
unicycle	binoculars	triangle
universal	biennial	trillion
unisex	biography	triathlon
universe	bicentennial	trilingual
university	biannual	triceratops
unilateral	bilingual	triad

<b>Number</b>	<b>Latin prefix</b>	<b>Word examples</b>
four	quad, quart	quadruped, quadruple, quarter
five	quint	quintet, quintuplets
six	sext	sextet, sextuple
seven	sept	septuplets, septennial
eight	oct	octopus, octagon, octogenarian
nine	nona	nonagenarian, nonagon, novenas
ten	deca	decade, decimal, decathlon
hundred	cent	century, centipede, centenary
thousand	milli	millipede, millimetre, million



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Draw lines to match the word to its meaning.

trident	a ninety year old
unicorn	occurring every three years
octagon	one world
quintet	to multiply something by four
nonagenarian	imaginary horse with a long horn on its forehead
decade	eight sided shape
triennial	two legged animal
quadruple	a three pronged spear
universe	period of ten years
biped	a group of five singers

Reassemble the syllables in the correct order. Remember to find the number prefix first!

t o p s / c e / r a / t r i	t r i c e r a t o p s
s e p t / l e t s / u p	
o / b i / g r a p h / y	
p e d e / i / c e n t	
g l e / t r i / a n	



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Complete the sentences by choosing the correct word from the box below.

unicycle	binoculars	trilingual	quarters
million	universe	triangle	quadruplets

1. The clown rode a \_\_\_\_\_ at the circus.
2. Adil cut the apple carefully into \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There are many planets in the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He looked through the \_\_\_\_\_ and saw the bird.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the word used for a three sided shape.
6. She was \_\_\_\_\_ as she could speak French, German and Spanish.
7. If I won a \_\_\_\_\_ pounds I would be a millionaire.
8. Even though I have known Evie, Jade, Sadie and Josie for two years now, I still have trouble telling the \_\_\_\_\_ apart!

Can you find a word starting with either 'uni', 'bi' or 'tri' to fill in the blanks?

1. The country was \_\_\_\_\_ in grief when the Queen died.
2. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ experience when I swam with dolphins.
3. What a disaster! I managed to get punctures in both wheels of my \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My uncle was competing in his fourth \_\_\_\_\_, he has always excelled at swimming, cycling and running.
5. My sister bought me The Lord of the Rings \_\_\_\_\_. It will take a while to watch the three films.
6. With my mum being French and my dad English, my two brothers and I are \_\_\_\_\_. It's great speaking two languages!