

Word Master

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LEVEL 9

Lessons 1- 30

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Pronunciation KeyInside Back Cover

A WRITING THE WORDS

- A. Write these words on the blank lines.
Then say each word.

Write

monologue

1. _____

monolith

2. _____

monogamy

3. _____

monochromatic

4. _____

biased

5. _____

biannual

6. _____

biennial

7. _____

triarchy

8. _____

triennial

9. _____

triangle

10. _____

- B. Each word begins with a prefix.
Write the prefix for each word.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

THESE PREFIXES HAVE MEANINGS THAT RELATE TO **NUMBERS**.

SEQUENCE 9-1

bi- *prefix* [ME, fr. L; akin to OE *twi-*] **1 a** : two <biparous> **b** : coming or occurring every two <bimonthly> <biweekly> **c** : into two parts <bisect> **2 a** : twice : doubly : on both sides <biconvex> <biserrate> **b** : coming or occurring two times <biweekly> – often disapproved in this sense because of the likelihood of confusion with sense 1b; compare SEMI- **3** : between, involving, or affecting two (specified) symmetrical parts <biaural> **4 a** : containing one (specified) constituent in double the proportion of the other constituent or in double the ordinary proportion <bicarbonate> **b** : DI- 2 <biphenyl>

mon- or **mono-** \ *under stress the (1st) “o” is sometimes \bar{o} although not shown at individual entries* \

comb form [ME, fr. MF & L; MF, fr. LL, fr. Gk, fr. *monos* alone, single – more at MONK] **1** : one : single : alone <monoplane> <monodrama> <monophobia> **2 a** : containing one (usu. specified) atom, radical, or group <monohydrate> <monooxide> **b** : monomolecular <monofilm> <monolayer>

tri- *comb form* [ME, fr. L (fr. *tri-*, *tres*) & Gk, fr. *tri-*, *treis* – more at THREE] **1** : three <tricostate> having three elements or parts <trigraph> **2** : into three <trisect> **3** : thrice <triweekly> : every third <trimonthly>

B USING CONTEXT CLUES

Place an X in front of each correct answer. The word may be used correctly in one or both of the sentences.

1. The monologue lasted ten minutes means
 a. the conversation between the two people was very short.
 b. the speaker talked for ten minutes.
2. The monolith was dedicated to the memory of the early pioneers means
 a. the book was dedicated to the early pioneers.
 b. the monument honored the early pioneers.
3. Most Americans practice monogamy means
 a. most Americans have only one mate.
 b. most Americans have more than one mate.
4. The painting has a monochromatic color scheme means
 a. the artist used many colors.
 b. the artist used only one color.
5. The man had a biased opinion means
 a. he had a neutral and objective opinion.
 b. he favored one side too much.

Check your answers with the Key on page 137.

C CHECKING THE MEANING

Read the words in the boxes. Choose the word that best completes the sentence under them. Write that word on the line. Then complete the next sentence by placing an X in front of the correct answer.

1.

biannual

monolith

The school held a dance on a _____ basis.

This sentence means

- a. a dance was held once every two weeks.
 b. a dance was held twice a year.
 c. a dance was held once every two months.

2.

biannual

biennial

Some types of plants are _____.

This sentence means

- a. these plants will live for two years.
 b. these plants will live only one year.
 c. these plants will live only two months.

3.

triarchy

monologue

The kingdom was ruled by a _____.

This sentence means

- a. the kingdom had three rulers.
 b. the kingdom had more than three rulers.
 c. the kingdom had only one ruler.

4.

triarchy

triennial

The town held a fair on a _____ basis.

This sentence means

- a. the fair was held once every three weeks.
 b. the fair was held once every three months.
 c. the fair was held once every three years.

5.

biannual

triangle

The _____ is a very common geometric figure.

This sentence means

- a. the geometric figure has three sides.
 b. the geometric figure has five sides.
 c. the geometric figure has six sides.

Check your answers with the Key on page 137.

SEQUENCE 9-1

D COMPLETING THE SENTENCES

Choose a word from the box that best completes each sentence. Write it on the line.

biased	triangle	monogamy	monologue
monolith	biannual	triarchy	monochromatic

1. People involved in debates are almost always _____.
2. The student was required to memorize a lengthy _____ for the play.
3. The interior decorator chose a _____ color scheme.
4. The marble _____ was extremely expensive.
5. Marriage to only one mate is called _____.

Check your answers with the Key on page 137.

E USING THE SKILL

Underline the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The country was governed by a (monolith, triarchy).
2. The student council election was held on a (biased, biannual) basis.
3. We visit Grandmother on a (biennial, triarchy) basis.
4. A (triennial, triangle) is a three-sided figure.
5. A (triangle, triennial) event occurs every three years.

Check your answers with the Key on page 137.

F SUPPLEMENTARY WRITING EXERCISE

The prefixes that were taught in this lesson are:

mono-	bi-	tri-
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Write sentences in which you use each of the prefixes in a word in the sentence.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____