

Lesson 3: Number Prefixes

Assign # _____

Each Spelling Word is a word that begins with a prefix related to a number or an amount. Look at the prefixes and base words that make up each of the Spelling Words.

Circle the number prefixes in the Spelling Words below. Underneath each word, explain what the number prefix means.

1. multicolor

2. monotone

3. unity

4. decade

5. triangle

6. divide

7. kilogram

8. unicycle

9. multimedia

- **Base words are words that are used to form other words.**
- **Number prefixes are word beginnings that are related to a number or an amount.**

Spelling Words

1. *multicolor*
2. *monotone*
3. *unity*
4. *decade*
5. *pentagon*
6. *divide*
7. *kilogram*
8. *unicycle*
9. *multimedia*
10. *biweekly*
11. *centipede*
12. *triangle*
13. *millennium*
14. *century*
15. *octopus*
16. *monorail*

Your Own Words

Look for other words with number prefixes to add to the list. You might see the word *uniform* in your student handbook or *octagon* in your mathematics textbook. You might use *unique* and *monorail* in a report about transportation.

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Lesson 3: Number Prefixes (continued)

Spelling Clues: Practice Makes Perfect Understanding what a number prefix means will help you spell words that contain number prefixes. Memorize the definitions of the following number prefixes that are included in the Spelling Words:

uni or mono: one

bi or di: two

tri: three

oct: eight

deca: ten

cent: hundred

kilo: thousand

multi: many

Look at the three possible spellings. Write the correct spelling of each word.

1. pintagon pentagon pentegon
2. monotone monnotome monttone
3. byweekly biweekly biweekly
4. deccade decade dicade
5. monorail monorrail monerail
6. kilogram killogram kiloggram

Proofreading 7–11. Circle each incorrectly spelled word with a number prefix in the art review below. Then write the words correctly on the lines.

Moore’s Art Piece is Smashing Success!

Carley Moore’s multimedia artwork is the best piece of the century—maybe even the milenium. The trianngle shapes Moore uses give the work unparalleled unaty. Bravo, Ms. Moore!

Fun with Words Write Spelling Words to replace 12–16.

Once upon a time, a hundred-legged creature named Harry the (12)___ asked his mother if he could get a (13)___ for his birthday. Harry’s mother replied, “Harry, you have one hundred legs, how could you ride something that has only one wheel and two pedals?”

Harry replied, “My friend in the ocean, Owen the (14)___, has eight limbs and I’ve seen him ride a beautiful (15)___ one, with all sorts of bright colors.”

“You don’t say? That certainly does (16)___ the fish from the insects!” replied Harry’s mother as she laughed.

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