

-cian, -ian
dec-
duc, duct
-en
homo-

oct-, octo-
-ous
phil, -phile
sur-
vol

Ten Word Parts in Context

Figure out the meanings of the following ten word parts by looking *closely* and *carefully* at the context in which they appear. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each word part.

1 -cian, -ian

___ The word part *-cian* or *-ian* means

2 dec-

___ The word part *dec-* means

3 duc, duct

___ The word part *duc* or *duct* means

4 -en

___ The word part *-en* means

5 homo-

___ The word part *homo-* means

6 oct-, octo-

___ The word part *oct-* or *octo-* means

- A **politician** must be a specialist both in getting elected and in governing.
- To become a **librarian**, Lian had to complete the course work in library science and also be an intern in a library during the summer.
 - A. a similarity.
 - B. a person with expertise.
 - C. made of.
- Another name for the Ten Commandments is the **Decalogue**.
- Around 800 A.D., the Hindus invented the modern **decimal** system, a number system based on 10.
 - A. eight.
 - B. having a certain knowledge.
 - C. ten.
- The **ducal** palace was the residence of the duke—the leader of his subjects.
- When my father listens to classical music on the radio, he often swings his arms as if he's **conducting** the orchestra.
 - A. to lead.
 - B. to be marked by.
 - C. to be above.
- Chen can't wear a **woolen** sweater over bare skin. The scratchy wool drives him crazy.
- When the archaeologists opened the tomb of the ancient Egyptian king, they found dozens of **golden** bowls, necklaces, and bracelets.
 - A. same as.
 - B. attracted to.
 - C. made of.
- The people working at the store are a fairly **homogeneous** group. They're all in their early 20s, they've all had a year or two of college, and they're all single.
- Nowadays many **homosexuals** are more open about their lifestyles. They don't mind if people know they prefer same-sex relationships.
 - A. different.
 - B. alike.
 - C. loving.
- An **octagon** is a geometrical figure with eight sides and eight angles.
- An **octopus** has eight arms; that may seem like a lot, but a squid has ten.
 - A. eight.
 - B. ten.
 - C. above.

7 -ous

— The word part *-ous* means8 *phil, -phile*— The word part *phil* or *-phile* means9 *sur-*— The word part *sur-* means10 *vol*— The word part *vol* means

- Marla dreams of having great fame, but she has no idea what she wants to be **famous** for.
- Tomas is very **serious** lately. He seems to be full of deep thoughts.
 - A. characterized by.
 - B. loving.
 - C. beyond.

- **Philadelphia** is often called the “city of brotherly love.”
- Martin is a complete **Anglophile**. He adores English accents, clothes, music, manners, and cars, saying they’re superior to anything on this side of the ocean.
 - A. above.
 - B. love.
 - C. before.

- Siri polished the **surface** of the table until it shone like glass.
- Once our chickens started laying eggs, we had such a **surplus** that we were giving away dozens of extra eggs to our neighbors.
 - A. choose.
 - B. support.
 - C. over.

- Many retirees offer their talents as **volunteers** in their communities, nationwide, and even throughout the world.
- According to the defense attorney, the defendant’s confession was made under force, but the police and the prosecutor said that it had been **voluntary**.
 - A. by choice.
 - B. without payment.
 - C. with skill.

Matching Word Parts with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten word parts. Clearly write or print each word part next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word part.

1. _____ Ten
2. _____ Having; full of; characterized by
3. _____ Over; above; additional
4. _____ To lead; guide; draw off
5. _____ Loving; lover; friend
6. _____ Made of
7. _____ Eight
8. _____ To will; choose
9. _____ A person with a certain ability or a certain kind of knowledge
10. _____ Same; similar

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the word parts well enough so that you don’t need to check the definitions at all

Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line provided, complete each *italicized* word below with the correct word part from the box. Use each word part once.

A. -cian, -ian
F. oct-, octo-

B. dec-
G. -ous

C. duc, duct
H. phil, -phile

D. -en
I. sur-

E. homo-
J. vol

- _____ 1. Doing something on one's own (. . . *ition*) _____ means doing it by choice, of one's own free will.
- _____ 2. Ralph sprayed a protective coating over the (*wood* . . .) _____ fence so that it wouldn't be eaten by termites.
- _____ 3. If Ana's pain isn't better by tomorrow, she really should see a (*physic* . . .) _____.
- _____ 4. The (. . . *athlon*) _____ is an athletic competition made up of ten events.
- _____ 5. In 2009, a California woman became instantly famous when she gave birth to (. . . *uplets*) _____—six boys and two girls.
- _____ 6. A(n) (. . . *phone*) _____ is a word that's pronounced the same as another word. Examples are the words *hear* and *here*.
- _____ 7. An (*aque* . . .) _____ is a channel for bringing water from one place to another. The water is usually drawn along by gravity.
- _____ 8. The wealthy woman was a true (. . . *anthropist*) _____; out of love for her fellow humans, she made generous donations to many causes.
- _____ 9. If the theater department wants this semester's play to (. . . *pass*) _____ last semester's in attendance, it will have to run an extra night, since both nights were sold out last semester.
- _____ 10. The disappearance of twenty dollars from my wallet is (*mysteri* . . .) _____. I'm sure the wallet was in my pocket all day.

NOTE: Now check your answers to these items by turning to page 179. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.

Sentence Check 2

Using the answer line provided, complete each *italicized* word in the sentences below with the correct word part from the box. Use each word part once.

- _____ 1-2. The (*magic* . . .) _____ called for someone from the audience to come up on the stage and be sawed in half. My impetuous^o sister was the first to (. . . *unteer*) _____.
- _____ 3-4. If peanut butter is not (. . . *genized*) _____, making it the same throughout, the oil separates and rises to the (. . . *face*) _____.

5-6. Thomas is such a staunch° (*Franco . . .*) ___ that he thinks everything French is (*marvel . . .*) ___. If he ever moves to France, he should find it easy to assimilate° there.

7-8. My neighbor is a(n) (*. . . genarian*) ___, but he's so robust° you'd never guess he's lived eight (*. . . ades*) ___ just by looking at him.

9-10. Superman has x-ray vision but still can't see through lead—so one criminal decided to (*con . . .*) ___ his illicit° business in a room with (*lead . . .*) ___ walls.

Final Check: Grandpa and Music

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten word parts. First read the following selection carefully. Then complete each *italicized* word in the parentheses below with a word part from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word part goes in which blank.) Use each word part once.

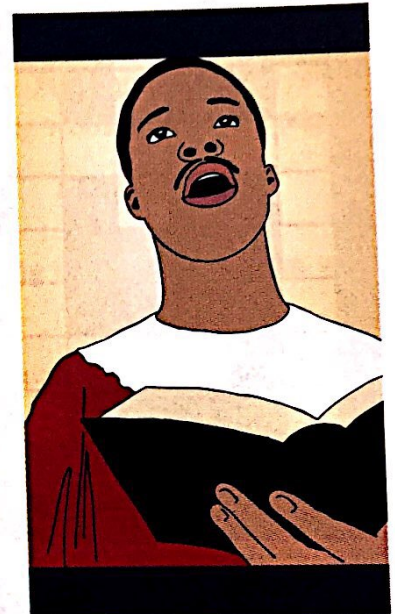
As a younger man, my grandfather had a beautiful singing voice, and he loved to talk about his three (*. . . ades*) (1) _____ (from age 20 until 50) as a loyal member of a group called the (*Gold . . .*) (2) "_____ Voices."

When the original seven members of the group heard him sing solos in his church, they invited him to join them, not realizing that he couldn't read music. He was determined not to let this be a liability°, and he worked hard to (*e . . . ate*) (3) _____ himself about music and become a proficient° (*music . . .*) (4) _____. He wanted to join the group for two reasons: he loved singing, and he had a crush on its lively young pianist.

After Grandfather became a member, the (*. . . et's*) (5) _____ success began to (*. . . pass*) (6) _____ all expectations.

Their voices, he used to say, were so (*. . . geneous*) (7) _____ and so cohesive° that they sometimes sounded like a single voice singing all eight parts. Eventually, the group became so popular that the singers performed for pay, rather than just (*. . . unteering*) (8) _____. The zenith° of their musical careers, said Grandpa, came when the group was invited to perform with the (*. . . harmonic*) (9) _____ Society; the opportunity to collaborate° with this famous orchestra made all eight singers euphoric°.

In retrospect°, though, Grandpa would always say that his own greatest success was marrying that (*vivaci . . .*) (10) _____ young pianist. It's probably superfluous° to add that they made beautiful music together.



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Sentence Check 2 _____ %

Final Check _____ %