

Photocopiable 1B - Number prefixes

Student A

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| bi- | cent- | mono- | multi- | pent- | quad- | semi- | tri- | uni- |
| -athlon | -ipede | -lateral | -mester | -plane | -poly | -rilateral | -tasking | -tone |

Definitions

- 1 the day or year 100 years after a particular event (*centenary*)
- 2 involving people from many different countries (*multinational*)
- 3 a general word for animal with four legs (*quadruped*)
- 4 a punctuation mark consisting of a comma under a dot (*semicolon*)
- 5 a series of three books or films about the same subject (*trilogy*)
- 6 a shape with five sides (*pentagon*)
- 7 a mythical animal with one horn (*unicorn*)
- 8 involving two groups or two sides (*bilateral*)
- 9 the custom of having only one husband or wife (*monogamy*)

Student B

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|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|--------|
| bi- | cent- | mono- | multi- | pent- | quad- | semi- | tri- | uni- |
| -agon | -colon | -corn | -enary | -gamy | -lateral | -logy | -national | -ruped |

Definitions

- 1 doing many different activities at the same time (*multitasking*)
- 2 a shape with four sides (*quadrilateral*)
- 3 in American English, one of three periods that the school year is divided into (*trimester*)
- 4 a sports event involving five different sports (*pentathlon*)
- 5 a type of aircraft with two sets of wings (*biplane*)
- 6 a company which has no competitors because it is the only one in its business area (*monopoly*)
- 7 a creature with many legs (although not really 100) (*centipede*)
- 8 done by just one person or group, often without considering the others (*unilateral*)
- 9 the smallest difference in pitch between two musical notes (*semitone*)