

## UNIT 13: THREE, FOUR, FIVE



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
tri	three	Greek
quad/quar	four	Latin
penta/quint	five	Greek/Latin



- triathlon** (n) - a long-distance race that has three parts: swimming, bicycling, and running  
*A triathlon needs to take place in a location that will allow participants to swim, run, and bike.*
- trilogy** (n) - a series of three novels, movies, etc., that are closely related and involve the same characters or themes  
*After reading the first two books, I quickly started the final book of the trilogy.*
- trimester** (n) - a period of three months; one of three periods into which an school year is sometimes divided  
*It's hard to believe that three months have passed and we are starting a new trimester already.*
- trident** (n) - a fishing spear that has three points and that looks like a large fork  
*Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea, always carried his trident, which literally translates to "three teeth."*
- quadrangle** (n) - a flat shape that has four sides and four angles  
*A rectangle and a rhombus are both quadrangles.*
- quartet** (n) - a group of four singers or musicians who perform together  
*The quartet's instruments included a cello, a viola, and two violins.*
- quart** (n) - a US customary unit of measurement for liquids; 4 quarts equals a gallon  
*There are two cups in a pint, two pints in a quart, and four quarts in a gallon.*
- pentagon** (n) - a flat shape that has five sides and five corners  
*The United States' headquarters for defense has 5 separate wings and is in the shape of a pentagon.*
- pentagram** (n) - a shape that is like a star with five points formed by five straight lines  
*Some say a pentagram is a witchcraft symbol, but it's just a five-pointed star.*
- quintuplet** (n) - one of five babies that are born at the same time to the same mother  
*There was a mother on the news yesterday that just had five babies and she named one quintuplet Quin.*

## 13A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences with the correct word from your list. Each word will be used only once.



triathlon

trilogy

trimester

trident

quadrangle

quartet

quart

pentagon

pentagram

quintuplet

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a polygon with five sides.
2. The man from the village used a \_\_\_\_\_ to spear fish.
3. A quadrilateral is the same thing as a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. She went to the store to buy a \_\_\_\_\_ of milk.
5. The author hadn't planned on writing a \_\_\_\_\_, but she had so many ideas for the story that she ended up writing three books.
6. We listened to the beautiful music of the string \_\_\_\_\_.
7. People don't believe that I am a \_\_\_\_\_ until they meet my four siblings and see that we are the same age and look so much alike.
8. September, October, and November make up the first \_\_\_\_\_ of school.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ can represent many things, but it always takes the form of a five-pointed star.
10. I had finished first two events the \_\_\_\_\_ and was about to start running the last section when I twisted my ankle.

## 13B: YES or NO?

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following statements by circling "Yes" or "No."

1. Yes No A quart is larger than a gallon.
2. Yes No The word **trilogy** only refers to books.
3. Yes No A **pentagon** is a polygon.
4. Yes No If you are a **quintuplet** you have 5 siblings that are the same age as you.
5. Yes No I **trimester** can refer to a period of time in school.
6. Yes No I **trident** looks like a pitchfork.
7. Yes No A **quartet** must have more than four musicians.
8. Yes No A **triathlon** involves swimming, cycling, and running.
9. Yes No A **quadrangle** is the same things as a triangle.
10. Yes No A **pentagon** is a 3 dimensional object, like a cube.