

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.