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Greek and Latin Prefixes: Numbers

English uses many prefixes that indicate quantity and numeric relationships. Some are derived from Greek and others from Latin. When there is more than one prefix for the same number or concept, the origin of the base or root word can sometimes help determine which prefix is used.

Example:	Language	Root	Prefix	Meaning	Word
	Greek	theos (god)	mono-	one	monotheism
	Latin	cornu (horn)	uni-		unicorn



Prefix	Meaning
mon-/mono-	one
un-/uni-	

Prefix	Meaning
cent-	hundred
mil-/milli-	thousand



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quin-	six
hex-	
sex-	
hept-	seven
sept-	
oct-	eight
non-/nov-	nine
dec-/deca-/deci-	ten

proto-	first; original
prim-	
oligo-	few
pauci-	

Do you recognize the prefix in these words? What might they mean?

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| millennium | hemisphere | nonagon | centipede |
| duplex | sextuplets | monocle | prototype |
| quadrilateral | multifaceted | triceratops | universe |

