

Ancient Greek numbers

Match the English word up with its Greek number root word. Can you work out the connection between the English word and its root? Use a dictionary if you need to. The first one has been done to show you how.

~~monocle~~ decathlon triple hexagonal tessellate
duet tripod pentathlete October monarch
decagon monologue heptagon triangle octagon

monos alone, unique

monocle - like glasses
but only for one eye
monarch - when one king
or queen rules alone

monologue - when a person
speaks on their own

duo two

duet - two people
making music together

treis three

triple - make bigger or
increase by three
tripod - something
with three feet or legs
triangle - a three-
sided shape

tettares/tessares four

tessellate - to fit
together, easiest with
four-sided tiles

pente five

pentathlete - a person
who competes in the
five events of the
pentathlon

hex six

hexagonal - with six
sides

hepta seven

heptagon - a seven-
sided shape

okto eight

October - used to be
the eighth month

octagon - an eight-
sided shape

deka ten

decathlon - a sporting
competition with ten
events

decagon - a ten-sided
shape