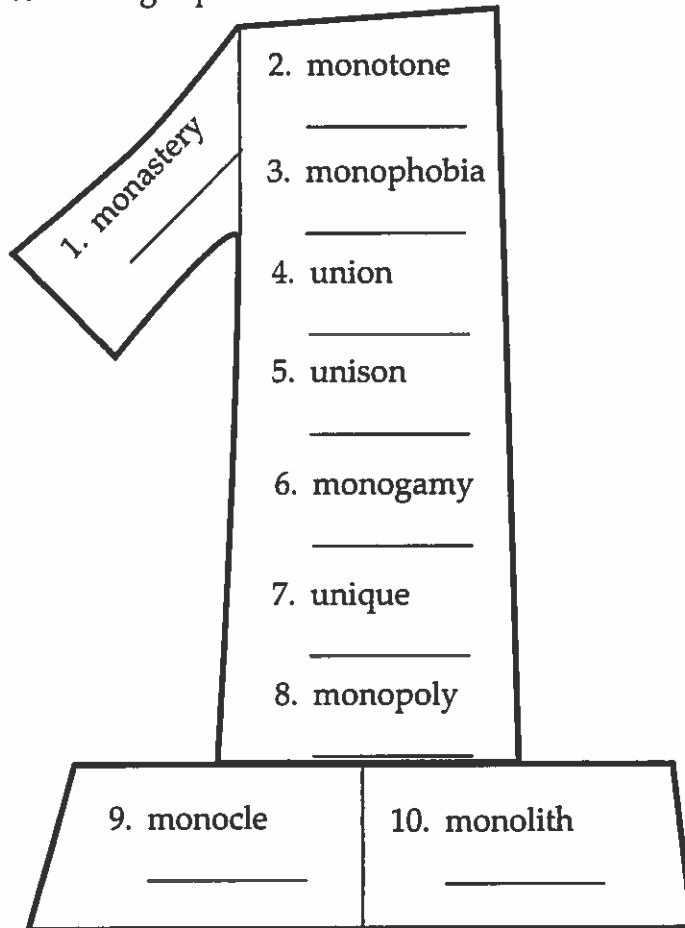


# One-Track Mind



People who concentrate on one thing at a time usually produce quality work. Clear out your mental clutter to focus on these words with a *mono/uni* root, meaning "one." For each word, write the letter of the matching definition. Check your answers with a dictionary.

- having one spouse
- an eyeglass for one eye
- religious house where one goes to be alone, away from the world
- control of sales by one person or company
- having one sound or tone
- one single, large stone or monument
- fear of being alone
- sung with one voice
- one of a kind
- act of combining separate items into one



Picture this! Have some fun with the "look" of these vocabulary words. Add small details to the letter shapes so that the words themselves make a picture of their definitions.

monolith      monocle



# As the Stomach Churns

"As the Stomach Churns" is one of the most popular daytime dramas on television. Read the account below and fill in the missing *mono/uni* words.

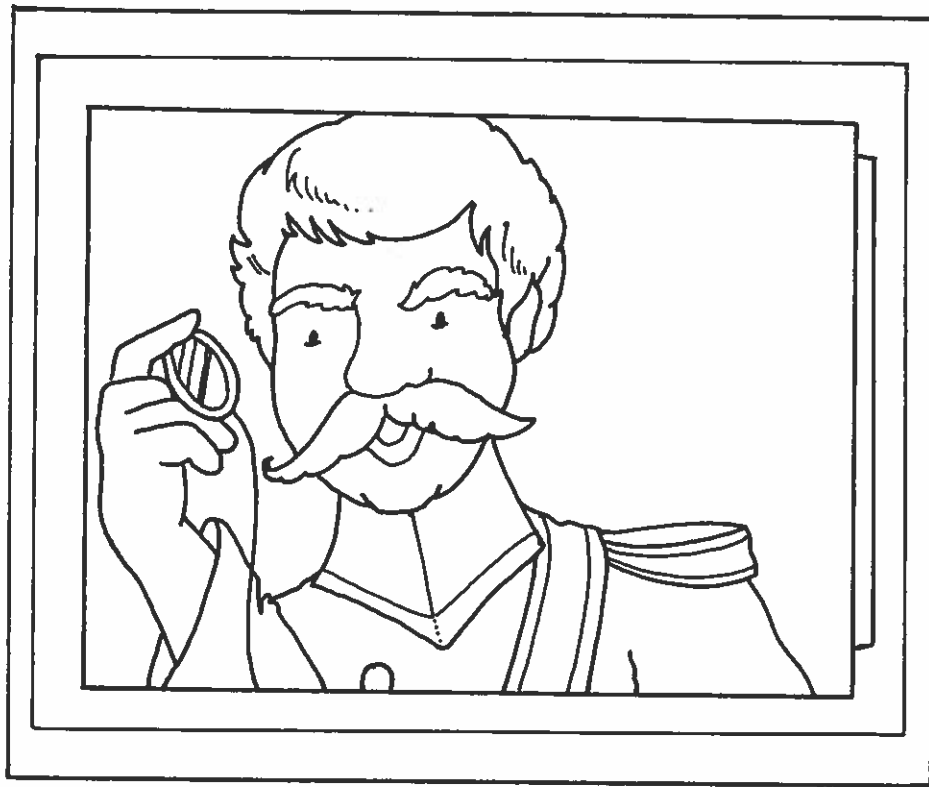
The actor playing a wealthy old English duke adjusted his (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and peered at the script. "One wife? Preposterous! No one believes in (2)\_\_\_\_\_ on daytime TV. My character might as well go live in a (3)\_\_\_\_\_!"

The director patted the Duke's face slathered with a (4)\_\_\_\_\_ assortment of creams and lotions to hide aging. "Now, Sir Charles, you've had a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ on multiple marriages on this program for years. You've been a (6)\_\_\_\_\_ to wild living for as long as we've been on the air. It's time your character reformed and settled down to a (7)\_\_\_\_\_ with one good woman—for life!"

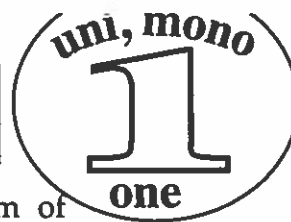
The Duke sighed and began speaking in an exaggerated (8)\_\_\_\_\_ voice. "Yes—master—your—wish—is—my—com . . ."

Just then, a trio of beautiful young starlets pranced by. "Hello, Charles!" they chorused in (9)\_\_\_\_\_.

The old actor sprang back to life. "You'll just have to rewrite the script, boss!" he called back as he chased after the girls. "I'm an incurable (10)\_\_\_\_\_."



# One of a Kind?



Scholars believe that the unicorn was nothing more than the daydream of someone who had heard a traveler's tale about the very real rhinoceros. What is a disappointing way to end all those stories about knights and fair damsels and unicorns!

But there are plenty of other things in the world that are unique—like the words below. Use *mono-* or *uni-* to complete each one. Then write the correct number beside each definition.

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. _____ -form       | a. believing in one god  |
| 2. _____ -arch       | b. lengthy speech given by one person                          |
| 3. _____ -syllabic   | c. mythical creature with one horn                             |
| 4. _____ -verse      | d. one ruler, king   |
| 5. _____ -ania       | e. all created things turned into one thing                    |
| 6. _____ -gram       | f. using words of one syllable                                 |
| 7. _____ -corn       | g. restricted to one idea                                      |
| 8. _____ -theism     | h. consisting of one color                                     |
| 9. _____ -logue      | i. single letter or combination of letters to stand for a name |
| 10. _____ -chromatic | j. having one form   |

Tell Me Why-O-Why? Refer to your list of all 20 *mono/uni* words to answer these why questions.

- A. Why did the British explorer inspect the monolith so carefully with his monocle?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Why did the music company have a monopoly on recordings that featured monotone unison singing? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. Why were only monosyllabic words permitted within the walls of the monastery?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. Why did the bride give her husband a monologue on monogamy? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Why did the monarch change the monochromatic monograms on all his soldiers' uniforms? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_