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n. pl. **de·cen·ni·ums** or **de·cen·ni·a** (-sĕn ē-ə)

A period of ten years; a decade.

[Latin, from *decennis*, lasting for ten years : *decem*, ten; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *annus*, year; see **at-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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