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dec·u·ple  (děk yə-pəl)

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adj.

1. Consisting of ten parts or members.
2. Ten times as much in size, strength, number, or amount.

n.

A tenfold amount or number.

intr. & tr.v. **dec·u·pled, dec·u·pling, dec·u·ples**

To multiply or be multiplied by ten.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Late Latin *decuplus* : Latin *decem*, ten; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *-plus*, -fold; see **pel-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de·cup *ly* *adv.*

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