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du·o·dec·i·mal  (d 'ə-dēs ə-məl, dy '-)

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adj.

1. Of, relating to, or based on the number 12: *the duodecimal number system.*

2. Of or relating to twelfths.

n.

A twelfth.

[From Latin *duodecimus*, twelfth, from *duodecim*, twelve : *duo*, two; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *decem*, ten; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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