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*n. pl. sen*

A Japanese unit of currency equal to  $\frac{1}{100}$  of the yen.

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[Japanese, from Middle Chinese *tshian*, money, coin (also the source of Mandarin *qián*).]

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**sen**<sup>2</sup>  (sĕn)

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*n. pl. sen*

A unit of currency equal to  $\frac{1}{100}$  of the primary unit of Indonesia and various other Southeast Asian countries.

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[Indonesian *senti*, *sen*, ultimately from [CENT](#).]

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**Sen.**

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**1.**

**a.** senate

**b.** senator

**2.** or **sen.** senior

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