

C. Fill in the blanks.

1. The best part of being in space is being weightless.
2. On the Earth, being upside down feels different because gravity is pulling the blood towards the head.
3. In weightlessness, our spines are not compressed.
4. A space-sick astronaut might feel nauseated or tired or disoriented or just strange.
5. Astronauts have to use straws to suck the drinks out of cartons.

A. Now divide the following words into two groups according to the way dis is used— as a prefix or as part of the whole word. Look at the examples done for you.

disarm	<u>dis + arm</u>	discover	<u>dis + cover</u>
discontinue	<u>dis + continue</u>	distune	<u>dis + tune</u>
disconnect	<u>dis + connect</u>	distress	<u>whole word</u>
disentangle	<u>dis + entangle</u>	discomfort	<u>dis + comfort</u>
W - distance	<u>Part of whole word</u>	disdain	<u>whole word</u>
W - disaster	<u>part of whole word</u>	display	<u>whole word</u>
W - distort	<u>''</u>	disuse	<u>dis + use</u>
W - dismay	<u>''</u>	discolour	<u>dis + colour</u>

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B. Sometimes a **blob** of pudding escapes from a spinning spoon and we have to catch it before it splatters on a wall.

blob is used here to describe a part of pudding.

Look at these words. They are all words to describe parts of a whole.

segment	piece	chunk
strip	length	sliver
sector	section	wedge
block	slice	chip

In the sentences below, some of the words in italics are used incorrectly or not accurately. Use the more suitable words and write each sentence again. Use a mini-dictionary to clarify the meaning of the words.

✓ 1. The woodcutter axed the bark relentlessly, and tiny *sections* kept flying around.

The woodcutter axed the bark relentlessly, and tiny **chunk** kept

✓ 2. One *slice* of the orange was rotten.

one **segments** of the orange was rotten.

✓ 3. The third *chunk* of the history book is difficult to read.

The third **block** of the history book is difficult to read.

4. Could you give me a *wedge* of lint for a bandage please?

Could you give me a **sliver** of lint for a bandage please?

5. This vase has so many *slivers* stuck together with adhesive.

This vase has so many **wedge** stuck together with adhesive.

✓ 6. I think I'll have a *block* of watermelon.

I think I'll have a **slice** of watermelon.

7. We have to turn right when we come to the school *strip* of this housing colony.

We have to turn right when we come to the school sector of this housing colony.

✓ 8. The carpenter repaired the frame by inserting a *length* into the angle of wood.

The carpenter repaired the frame by inserting a section into the angle of wood.

9. This is an ideal *piece* of stone to carve.

This is an ideal chip of stone to carve.

10. They cut a *sector* of tape and sealed the crack cleverly.

They cut a length of tape and sealed the crack cleverly.

11. This chocolate has *chips* of nuts and fruits in it.

This chocolate has pieces of nuts & fruits in it.

12. There were small *segments* of orange peel in the marmalade.

There were small strip of orange peel in the marmalade.