

ben, bene

good, well

Part of
Speech

benediction	_____	a blessing (from Latin <i>dicere</i> , "to speak")
benefactor	_____	a person who gives help or support, especially financial aid (from Latin <i>facere</i> , "to do")
beneficial	_____	having a good or helpful effect (from Latin <i>facere</i> , "to do")
beneficiary	_____	a person who receives a benefit or advantage, such as an inheritance (from Latin <i>facere</i> , "to do")
benevolent	_____	doing good things; being good-hearted, kind (from Latin <i>volens</i> , "wishing")
benign	_____	gentle and kind; not threatening life (from Latin <i>genus</i> , "born")



Name _____

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A. Fill in each blank with a word from the word list.

1. The musician needed a _____ to support him financially.
2. The priest said the _____ after the mass.
3. It is _____ to study vocabulary before taking a standardized test.
4. The _____ of his life insurance policy would receive \$25,000.
5. My grandmother was very relieved when the tests showed that the tumor was _____.

B. Circle each word below in which *ben* or *bene* is used as a prefix meaning "good, well."

beneath	Benelux
Benedict	benighted
benefaction	benignant
beneficence	benumb
benefit	benzene

C. Do the following activities on separate sheets of paper.

I Dream a World

By Langston Hughes

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind
Of such I dream, my world!

1. Circle any words or phrases that show the author's tone.
2. Write a paragraph response to "I dream a World" discussing the author's tone and message of the poem.