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portion

noun

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Definition of portion

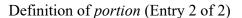
(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1: an individual's part or share of something: such as
- a: a share received by gift or inheritance
- b: dowry
- c: enough food especially of one kind to serve one person at one meal
- 2: an individual's lot, fate, or fortune: one's share of good and evil
- 3: an often limited part of a whole

portion

verb

portioned; portioning\ 'por-sh(ə-)nin 🔍 \



transitive verb

1: to divide into portions: distribute portioned out the food equally

2: to allot a dowry to: dower

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Synonyms & Antonyms for portion

Synonyms: Noun

circumstance, destiny, doom, fate, fortune, kismet, lot

Synonyms: Verb

administer, allocate, apportion, deal (out), dispense, distribute, dole out, hand out, mete (out), parcel (out), prorate

Antonyms: Verb

misallocate

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part, portion, piece, member, division, section, segment, fragment mean something less than the whole. part is a general term appropriate when indefiniteness is required. they ran only part of the way portion implies an assigned or allotted part. cut the pie into six portions piece applies to a separate or detached part of a whole. a puzzle with 500 pieces member suggests one of the functional units composing a body. a structural member division applies to a large or diversified part. the manufacturing division of the company section applies to a relatively small or uniform part. the entertainment section of the newspaper segment applies to a part separated or marked out by or as if by natural lines of cleavage. the retired segment of the population fragment applies to a part produced by or as if by breaking off. only a fragment of the play still exists

<u>fate</u>, <u>destiny</u>, <u>lot</u>, <u>portion</u>, <u>doom</u> mean a predetermined state or end. <u>fate</u> implies an inevitable and usually an adverse outcome. the <u>fate</u> of the submarine is unknown <u>destiny</u> implies something foreordained and often suggests a great or noble course or end. the country's <u>destiny</u> to be a model of liberty to the world <u>lot</u> and <u>portion</u> imply a distribution by fate or destiny, <u>lot</u> suggesting blind chance it was her <u>lot</u> to die childless, <u>portion</u> implying the apportioning of good and evil. remorse was his daily <u>portion</u> <u>doom</u> distinctly implies a grim or calamitous fate. if the rebellion fails, his <u>doom</u> is certain

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First Known Use of portion

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at <u>sense 1</u>

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Noun

Middle English norcioun from Anglo-French from Latin nortion- nortio: akin to Latin nart- nars part



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English Language Learners Definition of portion

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a part of a larger amount, area, etc.

: a part of something that is shared with other people

: the amount of food that is served to a person at one time

portion

<u>verb</u>

English Language Learners Definition of *portion* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to divide (something) into parts and give those parts to people

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portion

<u>noun</u>

por·tion | \ 'por-shən 🔍

Kids Definition of portion

(Entry 1 of 2)

1: a part or share of a whole

2: serving a large portion of pasta

portion

verb

portioned; portioning

Kids Definition of *portion* (Entry 2 of 2)

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