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# portion

[noun](#)

por·tion | \ 'pɔr-shən  \

## 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 \ 'pɔr-sh(ə-)niŋ  \

Definition of *portion* (Entry 2 of 2)

[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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## Choose the Right Synonym for *portion*

[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

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

## Examples of *portion* in a Sentence

Noun

A *portion* of the donations will be given to the orphanage. *Portions* of land were used for farming.

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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 [sense 1](#)

## History and Etymology for *portion*

Noun

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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

[verb](#)


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

[noun](#)

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## 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)

: to divide into parts : [distribute](#) Kimki *portioned* work for each one in the tribe ...— Scott O'Dell, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

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