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Use the list in the bank to make five different English words out of *bene-* and *homo-/hom-*. You may add a suffix or change the spelling a little if needed. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made with the prefix. Be sure to use words for both *bene-* and *homo-/hom-*.



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ficiary  
fit  
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Sentences:

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