

Literacy Bulletin

desegregation

[dee-seg-ri-gey-shuhm, dee-seg-]

noun

the elimination of laws, customs, or practices under which people from different religions, ancestries, ethnic groups, etc., are restricted to specific or separate public facilities, neighborhoods, schools, organizations, or the like

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF DESEGREGATION?

Desegregation, "the elimination of laws under which people are separated," is a compound of *de-*, "not, un-", and *segregation*, which comes from Latin *sēgregāre*, "to part from the flock."

EXAMPLE OF DESEGREGATION IN A SENTENCE

A flurry of court cases and legislation, such as *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was critical to *desegregation* in the United States.

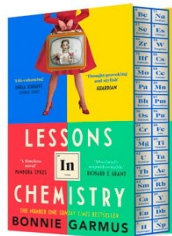
Book recommendation

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Smart, funny, joyous and powerful, Garmus' 60s set debut featuring an unconventional female scientist with a quiet game-plan to change the world .

But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with - of all things - her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ('combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride') proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.



How can I improve my own reading?

Tip #2 - remove distractions

It's tough to understand what you're reading when you're surrounded by distractions. When you're reading and want to focus on comprehension, move to a location where you can focus fully on what you're reading.

Put your phone away or shut off the notifications while you read. If you check out every ding, you'll forget what you've read and have trouble comprehending the text overall.

Move away from lots of activity, such as people watching TV or talking. A bedroom, office, or other quiet room in your home may be ideal. Libraries also tend to work well for finding quiet spots away from distractions.