Word Quest 4

List 23 · How much, how long, how often 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it
awhile adv. /əˈwaɪl/ for a short time **Tip:** Written as two words after "for": for a while. Sit down and rest **awhile**.	
barely adv. /ˈbeəli/ only just; almost not **Family:** bare (adj.) I could **barely** hear him.	
beyond prep. /bɪˈjɒnd/ on the other side of; also, more than **Use it with:** beyond belief The village is just **beyond** the hill.	
capacity n. /kəˈpæsɪti/ the amount something can hold; also, ability **Family:** capacities The stadium has a **capacity** of 50,000. 50,000	
devote v. /dɪˈvəʊt/ to give your time or energy to something **Family:** devotes · devoted **Use it with:** devote to She **devotes** her weekends to music.	
diameter n. /daɪˈæmɪtə/ the length of a straight line through the centre of a circle **Family:** diameters The pizza has a **diameter** of 30 cm. 30 cm	

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duration n. /djʊə'reɪʃn/

how long something lasts

The **duration** of the flight is three hours.

element n. /'elɪmənt/

one part of something; also, a chemical substance like gold

Family: elements

Teamwork is a key **element** of success.

equation n. /ɪ'kweɪʒn/

a maths statement that two things are equal

Family: equations

Solve this **equation**: 2x + 3 = 9.

$$2x + 3 = 9$$

evenly adv. /'i:vənli/

in equal amounts; smoothly

Family: even (adj.)

Spread the butter **evenly**.

eventual adj. /ɪ'ventʃu:əl/

happening at the end of a process

Family: eventually (adv.)

Her **eventual** goal is to become a judge.

exceed v. /ek'si:d/

to be more than something

Family: exceeds · exceeded

Don't **exceed** the speed limit.

excess n./adj. /ek'ses/

more than is needed

Family: excessive (adj.) **Use it with:** in excess of

Cut off the **excess** paper.

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extent n. /ek'stent/

how large or serious something is

Use it with: to some extent

We don't know the full **extent** of the damage.

former adj. /'fɔːmə/

from an earlier time

Family: formerly (adv.)

My **former** teacher still writes to me.

fraction n. /'frækʃn/

a part of a whole number, like ½; also, a small part

Family: fractions **Use it with:** a fraction of

Half is a **fraction**.

fragment n. /'frægmənt/

a small piece broken off something

Family: fragments

We found **fragments** of an old pot.

gradual adj. /'grædʒuːəl/

happening slowly, step by step

Family: gradually (adv.)

There was a **gradual** change in the weather.

hectare n. /'hekteə/

a unit for measuring land: 10,000 square metres

Family: hectares **Tip:** 1 hectare = 15 Chinese mu.

The farm is fifty **hectares**.

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infinite adj. /ˈɪnfɪnət/

without end or limit

Family: infinitely (adv.) · infinity (n.)

The universe may be **infinite**.

initial adj. /ɪˈnɪʃl/

first; at the beginning

Family: initially (adv.)

My **initial** idea was to walk.

instant adj./n. /ˈɪnstənt/

happening immediately; also, a moment

Family: instantly (adv.) **Use it with:** instant noodles

The song was an **instant** hit.

interval n. /ˈɪntəvl/

a period of time between two events

Family: intervals

Buses come at ten-minute **intervals**.

maximize v. /ˈmæksɪmaɪz/

to make as big as possible

Family: maximizes · maximized **Tip:** British English also writes “maximise”.

We want to **maximize** our profits.

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