Word Quest 4

List 24 · How much, how long, how often 2

Vocabulary and example	Write it
minimal adj. /ˈmɪnɪml/ very small in amount **Family:** minimally (adv.) The storm caused **minimal** damage.	
minimize v. /ˈmɪnɪmaɪz/ to make as small as possible **Family:** minimizes · minimized **Tip:** British English also writes “minimise”. Wash your hands to **minimize** the risk of illness.	
minor adj. /ˈmaɪnə/ small and not very important **Family:** minority (n.) **Use it with:** a minor injury It’s only a **minor** problem.	
moderate adj. /ˈmɒdərət/ not too much and not too little **Family:** moderately (adv.) Do **moderate** exercise every day.	
multiple adj. /ˈmʌltɪpl/ many **Use it with:** multiple choice He made **multiple** mistakes in his essay.	
multiply v. /ˌmʌltɪˈplaɪ/ to add a number to itself a certain number of times **Family:** multiplies · multiplied · multiplication (n.) If you **multiply** 3 by 4, you get 12. 3 4 12	

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ongoing adj. /ˈɒŋgəʊɪŋ/

continuing; still happening

The repairs are **ongoing**.

output n. /ˈaʊtpʊt/

the amount produced

Family: outputs

The factory's **output** grew by 20%.

20%

overuse v./n. /ˌəʊvəˈjuːs/

to use too much

Family: overuses · overused

Don't **overuse** the word "very".

"very"

phase n. /feɪz/

a stage in a process

Family: phases

The project is in its final **phase**.

portion n. /ˈpɔːʃn/

a part of something; also, an amount of food for one person

Family: portions

The restaurant serves large **portions**.

primary adj. /ˈpraɪməri/

most important; also, first

Family: primarily (adv.) **Use it with:** primary school

Our **primary** goal is safety.

prior adj. /ˈpraɪə/

earlier; before

Use it with: prior to

No **prior** experience is needed.

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rapid adj. /ˈræpɪd/

very fast

Family: rapidly (adv.)

The city has seen **rapid** growth.

ratio n. /ˈreɪʃɪəʊ/

the relationship between two amounts

Family: ratios

The **ratio** of boys to girls in our class is 1:1.

1:1

resume v. /rɪˈzjuːm/

to start again after a pause

Family: resumes · resumed **Tip:** As a noun, “résumé” is a CV (American English).

The game **resumed** after the rain.

scale n. /skeɪl/

the size or level of something; also, a set of marks for measuring

Family: scales **Use it with:** on a large scale

The map’s **scale** is 1:10,000.

1:10,000

shortly adv. /ˈʃɔːtli/

soon

Use it with: shortly after

The doctor will see you **shortly**.

slight adj. /slaɪt/

small

Family: slightly (adv.)

There’s a **slight** problem with your ticket.

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stack n./v. /stæk/ a neat pile; or to put things in a pile **Family:** stacks · stacked A **stack** of books sat on her desk.	
suspend v. /sə'spend/ to stop something for a while; also, to hang **Family:** suspends · suspended · suspension (n.) The trains were **suspended** because of snow.	
volume n. /'vɒlju:m/ how loud a sound is; also, how much space something fills **Family:** volumes Turn the **volume** down, please.	
width n. /wɪtθ/ how wide something is **Family:** widths · wide (adj.) The **width** of the road is ten metres.	

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