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.

Vocabulary and example	Write it

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. /səˈspend/

to stop something for a while; also, to hang

Family: suspends · suspended · suspension (n.)

The trains were **suspended** because of snow.

volume n. /ˈvɒljuːm/

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.