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This vocabulary guide was prepared and published by Test Ninjas as an independent study resource. It is designed to help students build the precise word knowledge needed for demanding academic reading and reasoning.

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Study in short, repeated sessions. Read each definition, say the word aloud, and use the example to understand how the word functions in context. Return to unfamiliar words until you can explain them without looking at the definition.

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001 **amount** *noun*

SIZE & SCALE

a quantity or sum of something

The **amount** of rainfall this year exceeded all expectations, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: Pour everything into a measuring cup; the final quantity is the amount.

002 **amplify** *verb*

SIZE & SCALE

to increase in strength, size, or importance

The microphone was used to **amplify** the speaker's voice, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An amplifier turns a quiet note into a room-shaking sound, increasing its strength.

003 **compound** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

made up of multiple parts; to make something worse

The **compound** interest on the loan added up quickly, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A compound joins multiple blocks; as a verb, it adds another block to make a problem worse.

004 **counting** *verb*

SIZE & SCALE

determining the total number of something

The staff spent hours **counting** the ballots after the election, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Counting places one tally mark beside every object to determine the total.

005 **curtailed** *verb*

SIZE & SCALE

reduced or limited in extent

Budget constraints **curtailed** the scope of the research project, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Scissors cut a long ribbon short; its length or extent has been curtailed.

006 **diminish** *verb*

SIZE & SCALE

to make or become less; to reduce in size, importance, or value

Nothing could **diminish** her enthusiasm for the upcoming adventure, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: Turn the size dial downward and watch the object diminish in size, value, or importance.

007 eclipses *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

surpasses or outshines; obscures or blocks light from

Her talent **eclipses** that of everyone else in the competition, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: One bright disk eclipses another by outshining it or moving in front of its light.

008 encompass *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to surround or include; to contain or cover comprehensively

The new policy will **encompass** all aspects of employee welfare, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A giant compass circle closes around everything it encompasses or includes.

009 engulf *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

sweeps over and completely surrounds or covers

The fire quickly **engulfs** any dry vegetation in its path, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A giant wave engulfs a boat when it sweeps over and surrounds it completely.

010 exceed *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to go beyond the limits of; to be greater than

Sales this quarter **exceed** our most optimistic projections, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: An arrow that rises above the limit line exceeds it.

011 exhaustive *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

thorough and comprehensive; including all elements

The report provides an **exhaustive** analysis of market trends, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An exhaustive checklist leaves no box unchecked and no element omitted.

012 expand *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to increase in size, number, or importance; to unfold or spread out

The company plans to **expand** its operations into new markets, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An accordion expands as its sides spread outward and its size increases.

013 **expansions** *noun*

SIZE & SCALE

increases in size, scope, or extent; additions or extensions

The business underwent several **expansions** over the past decade, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: Expansions add new rooms beyond the original walls, increasing size and scope.

014 **extended** *verb/adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

made longer in duration or scope; stretched out

The deadline was **extended** by two weeks due to unforeseen circumstances, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: An extended ruler or timeline stretches farther and lasts longer than before.

015 **extensive** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

covering a large area; having a wide scope or range

The library has an **extensive** collection of rare manuscripts, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An extensive map unfolds across a huge area and covers a wide range.

016 **faintly** *adverb*

SIZE & SCALE

in a weak or slight manner; barely perceptibly

She could **faintly** hear music coming from the distant room, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A light visible only as a pale glow shines faintly.

017 **his** *pronoun*

SIZE & SCALE

belonging to or associated with a male person or animal previously mentioned

He picked up **his** coat and headed toward the door, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Attach a HIS ownership tag to the object belonging to the male person already mentioned.

018 **increases** *verb*

SIZE & SCALE

becomes or makes greater in size, amount, or degree

The demand for electric vehicles **increases** every year, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: An upward arrow shows that size, amount, or degree increases.

019 limited *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

restricted in size, amount, or extent; not unlimited

We have **limited** time to complete this project, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A limited supply stays inside a small fence marked ONLY THIS MUCH.

ALSO · ADJECTIVE: restricted in size or amount

020 localized *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

restricted to a particular place; not spread over a wide area

The infection remained **localized** and did not spread to other organs, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A localized mark is pinned to one small spot on a very large map.

021 moderate *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

average in amount, intensity, or degree; not extreme

She follows a **moderate** exercise routine to maintain her health, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Moderate rests at the middle of a dial, away from either extreme.

022 multiplying *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

increasing greatly in number or quantity; reproducing

The bacteria were **multiplying** rapidly in the warm petri dish, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: One dot repeatedly splitting into many dots shows quantity multiplying.

023 quantities *noun***SIZE & SCALE**

amounts or numbers of something

The recipe calls for large **quantities** of flour and sugar, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Quantities are the measured amounts written beside groups of objects.

024 reduce *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size

We need to **reduce** our expenses to stay within budget, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: Turn the amount dial downward to reduce size, quantity, or degree.

025 reduced *verb/adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

made smaller or less in amount, degree, or size

The store offered items at **reduced** prices during the sale, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A downward arrow shows the amount was reduced and made smaller.

026 restricted *verb/adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

limited in extent, number, or scope; not open to everyone

Access to the building is **restricted** to authorized personnel, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A restricted area sits behind a fence marked LIMITED ACCESS.

027 restrictive *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

imposing restrictions or limitations on activities or freedoms

The **restrictive** dress code prohibited casual clothing, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A restrictive rule builds narrow fences around activity and freedom.

028 scale *noun/verb***SIZE & SCALE**

the relative size or extent of something; a system of measurement

The disaster was on a **scale** never seen before, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A scale compares relative size and marks measured positions along a system.

029 spans *noun/verb***SIZE & SCALE**

extends across; covers the full extent of a period of time

Her career **spans** more than four decades, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A bridge spans the entire gap from one edge or time point to the other.

030 stretching *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

extending or lengthening; making something cover more area or time

The desert **stretching** before them seemed endless, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Pulling both ends of a band makes it stretch across more length, area, or time.

031 substantial *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

of considerable importance, size, or worth; solidly built

The company made a **substantial** investment in new technology, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A substantial block is large, solid, valuable, and too important to ignore.

032 subsumed *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

included or absorbed into something larger or more comprehensive

The smaller department was **subsumed** into the larger division, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A smaller labeled circle disappears inside a larger one when it is subsumed.

033 supplement *noun/verb***SIZE & SCALE**

something added to complete or enhance something else; to add to

She takes vitamin **supplements** to improve her health, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A supplement is the extra piece added to complete or improve the main set.

034 supplemental *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

provided in addition to what is already present or available

The teacher provided **supplemental** materials for extra practice, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: Supplemental material arrives as an additional packet beside what is already present.

035 supplementary *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

completing or enhancing something; additional

The report includes **supplementary** data in the appendix, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A supplementary part is extra, but helps complete or enhance the whole.

036 transcending *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

going beyond the limits of; surpassing ordinary experience

Her music had a **transcending** quality that touched listeners from all backgrounds, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A rising figure crosses above the ordinary limit line and transcends it.

037 ubiquitous *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

present, appearing, or found everywhere

Smartphones have become **ubiquitous** in modern society, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: The same symbol appearing on every wall and street is ubiquitous.

038 universal *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

relating to or affecting all people or things in the world; applicable everywhere

The desire for happiness seems to be a **universal** human trait, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A universal rule wraps around the entire globe and applies everywhere.

039 widespread *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

found or distributed over a large area or among many people

The disease caused **widespread** concern among health officials, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A widespread color covers the whole map and reaches many people.

040 wane *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to decrease in strength or intensity

Public interest in the scandal began to **wane**, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: The waning moon shrinks night by night as strength decreases.

041 wax *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to increase in size, strength, or intensity

His enthusiasm **waxed** as the project progressed, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A waxing moon grows larger as size and intensity increase.

042 escalate *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to increase rapidly in intensity

Tensions **escalated** between the two countries, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: Escalation races up a staircase as intensity rapidly rises.

043 intensify *verb***SIZE & SCALE**

to become or make more intense

The storm **intensified** as it approached the coast, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: Turn the force dial upward to intensify color, heat, or emotion.

044 finite *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

having limits or bounds

Earth's resources are **finite**, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A finite road has marked boundaries and a definite end.

045 infinite *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

limitless or endless in space or time

The universe may be **infinite** in extent, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An infinite road continues beyond every horizon without limit.

046 colossal *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

extremely large

The **colossal** statue dominated the square, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A colossal statue towers over an entire city.

047 minuscule *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

extremely small; tiny

The **minuscule** text was hard to read, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A minuscule dot nearly disappears beside a grain of sand.

048 mammoth *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

huge; enormous

The **mammoth** project required years to complete, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A mammoth fills the scene with enormous size.

049 **diminutive** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

extremely or unusually small

The **diminutive** dog fit in a purse, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A diminutive object looks unusually tiny beside an ordinary one.

052 **immense** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

extremely large or great

The **immense** desert stretched endlessly, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An immense ocean stretches beyond every visible edge.

050 **gargantuan** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

enormous; gigantic

They served **gargantuan** portions of food, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A gargantuan figure rises beyond the frame like a giant.

053 **infinitesimal** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

extremely small; minute

The risk was **infinitesimal**, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: An infinitesimal point is almost too small to measure.

051 **microscopic** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

so small as to be invisible without a microscope

Microscopic organisms populated the water, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A microscopic object becomes visible only beneath a microscope.

054 **vast** *adjective*

SIZE & SCALE

of very great extent or quantity

The **vast** ocean seemed endless, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A vast plain extends across an enormous distance and quantity.

055 petite *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

attractively small and dainty

The **petite** woman wore high heels, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A petite figure is attractively small and delicately proportioned.

058 gigantic *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

of very great size or extent

The **gigantic** whale surfaced nearby, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A gigantic object dwarfs everything around it.

056 monumental *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

great in importance, extent, or size

It was a **monumental** achievement, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A monumental structure communicates both enormous scale and great importance.

059 minute *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

extremely small

Only **minute** traces were detected, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A minute detail is so tiny that a lens must enlarge it.

057 prodigious *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

remarkably great in extent or size

She had a **prodigious** talent for music, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A prodigious total climbs to a remarkably great size.

060 towering *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

extremely tall, especially relative to surroundings

The **towering** skyscraper dominated the skyline, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A towering building rises far above everything nearby.

061 compact *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

closely and neatly packed together

The **compact** design saved space, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A compact bundle packs every part tightly into little space.

064 cramped *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

uncomfortably small or restricted

The **cramped** office lacked ventilation, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A cramped room squeezes movement into an uncomfortably small area.

062 expansive *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

covering a wide area; extensive

The **expansive** view impressed visitors, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An expansive landscape spreads across a wide area.

065 boundless *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

unlimited; immense

Her **boundless** energy amazed everyone, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

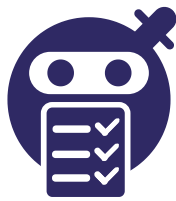
MEMORY CUE: A boundless horizon shows no fence, edge, or limit.

063 spacious *adjective***SIZE & SCALE**

having ample space

The **spacious** apartment had high ceilings, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A spacious room leaves ample open space in every direction.



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