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A new booking system

0001 independence n. K R N
freedom from dependence or outside control
Cats are known for independence.

0002 possibility n. K R N
something that may happen or be chosen
Consider every possibility.

0003 recovery n. K R N
getting better or regaining something
The study follows recovery.

0004 scheme n. K R N
an organized plan, sometimes a deceptive one
The scheme offers discounts.

0005 existence n. K R N
the state of being real or present
The study confirms its existence.

0006 on the receiving end idiom K R N
being the person who experiences something, often unpleasant
I was on the receiving end of the complaints.

0007 pre-existing adj. K R N
already present
The policy mentions pre-existing conditions.

0008 constantly adv. K R N
all the time or very frequently
He constantly checks his phone.

0009 officially adv. K R N
in an authorized or formal way
The program officially begins tomorrow.

0010 peak v. K R N
to reach the highest point
Numbers peaked in the 1950s.

0011 to put this in perspective phrase K R N
to compare so the size is easier to understand
To put this in perspective, last year was lower.

0012 equivalent adj./n. K R N
equal in value or function; something equal
The two options are equivalent.

0013 universal adj. K R N
true or found everywhere
Crying is universal.

0014 vast adj. K R N
very large
The region covers a vast area.

0015 well-founded adj. K R N
supported by good reasons
The concern is well-founded.

0016 to make matters worse idiom K R N
used to add another bad thing to a bad situation
To make matters worse, it started to rain.

0017 defend v. K R N
protect or support with arguments
She defended the proposal.

0018 extent n. K R N
the amount or degree of something
The report examines the extent of damage.

0019 gap n. K R N
a space or difference between things
The policy addresses a gap in services.

0020 strongly adv. K R N
with force or conviction
She strongly disagrees.

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0021 transition n. K R N
a change between states or stages
The move requires a transition.

0022 respectively adv. K R N
in the same order as the things mentioned
The options cost ten and twenty dollars respectively.

0023 deeply adv. K R N
to a great depth or strongly
Plant the seeds deeply.

0024 ideal adj. K R N
best suited to a purpose
The location is ideal.

0025 rank n./v. K R N
a level or position; put in order
The options were ranked by cost.

0026 label n./v. K R N
a description or attached information; describe or identify
Label each container.

0027 odd adj. K R N
unusual
The result seems odd.

0028 dramatic adj. K R N
striking or relating to drama
The change was dramatic.

0029 sake n. K R N
benefit or purpose, in expressions such as for someone's sake
They changed the plan for safety's sake.

0030 spiritual adj. K R N
relating to the human spirit rather than the body
They promote spiritual wellbeing.

0031 sudden adj. K R N
happening unexpectedly and quickly
There was a sudden change.

0032 intense adj. K R N
very strong
The workout is intense.

0033 subsequent adj. K R N
happening afterward
The subsequent discussion continued.

0034 incredibly adv. K R N
to a remarkable degree
The room is incredibly small.

0035 vital adj. K R N
extremely important
Insurance is vital for travellers.

0036 in honour of phrase K R N
to show respect for someone
A park was named in honour of the mayor.

0037 legacy n. K R N
something that remains after an event or person
The Games left a legacy of new stadiums.

0038 logic n. K R N
a way of reasoning
The argument has clear logic.

0039 roughly adv. K R N
approximately
The tooth measures roughly thirty centimetres.

0040 sequence v. K R N
to arrange in order
We sequenced the classes by level.

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Set 01 practice

READ THE MESSAGE

Choose A, B or C · answers on page 94

Dear members,

Our centre will begin its **transition** to a new booking system on Monday. During the first week, online bookings will close at 6 p.m. rather than 9 p.m. Staff will still accept telephone bookings until 8 p.m. This temporary arrangement should help us identify problems before the system reaches **peak** demand in September.

Some members have raised a **well-founded** concern about losing existing reservations. Those bookings will remain valid. **Subsequent** changes, however, must be requested through the new system. We expect the **transition** to take **roughly** two weeks, although a technical problem could **extend** that period.

Please do not create a second account if you already have one. Members who need guidance can attend a free demonstration on Tuesday at noon. Attendance is optional, and a written guide will be available afterwards.

Thank you for your patience,
Centre administration

1 What is the email mainly doing?

- A Cancelling all existing reservations
- B Explaining a temporary booking change
- C Introducing a membership fee

2 How can someone book at 7 p.m. during the first week?

- A By creating a second account
- B Through the online system
- C By telephone

3 What happens to existing reservations?

- A They must all be rebooked
- B They remain valid
- C They expire on Monday

4 What does “subsequent” mean here?

- A Already completed
- B Happening at the same time
- C Happening afterwards

5 Which statement best paraphrases the expected duration?

- A The changeover should take about two weeks
- B The changeover is guaranteed to finish in two days
- C The centre will close for two weeks

6 What can be inferred about the demonstration?

- A Members can miss it and still get guidance
- B Every member must attend
- C It replaces all telephone service

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