Lesson 7
Lowering (with Prefixes)
Prefix: de- (down), sub- (under), pro- (up; forward)

1 decrease v. To make less, to become smaller.
Sonia's interest in playing the guitar decreased when she realized she'd have to practice every day.
n. The process of getting smaller.
A decrease in funding kept the library from buying more books.

2 dejected adj. Downhearted, in low spirits, unhappy.
Every member of the team felt dejected about losing the championship.

3 demote v. To lower in rank or position, to move down or back.
After fooling around during practice, Brianna was demoted from her starting position to a seat on the bench.
demotion, n.

4 denominator n. The numeral below the line, or to the right of the line, in a fraction.
In the fraction 1/2, one is the numerator and two is the denominator.

5 descend v. To come down, to go from a higher to a lower place.
The climbers felt for handholds on the rock face to help them descend to the bottom safely.
descent, n.

6 subdue v. To bring under control, to quiet down; to conquer.
Omar had to work hard to subdue his annoyance when his cousins teased him.

7 subheading n. The title or heading for one section of an outline or paper.
The article on Scotland included such subheadings as climate, history, and economy.

8 submerge v. To move, or be pushed, under water.
The dolphins rose from the water in a smooth arc and then gracefully submerged themselves again.
submersion, n.

9 subside v. To go down, recede, settle, sink to a lower level.
After the flood, residents of one area had to wait several days until the water subsided before returning to their homes.

10 subsistence n. The minimum amount to sustain life.
Thousands of years ago, before farming began, people's subsistence was based on what the could hunt and gather.
subsist, v.

11 delete v. To remove by striking out or canceling.
Scott's first draft was too long and therefore he searched his essay for unnecessary words or statements that he could delete.
12 demolish  v.  To tear down completely.
   The city told the farmer that he would have to demolish the old barn and that he had one week
   for it to be completely gone.

13 detach  v.  To separate or unfasten; disconnect.
  It is unwise to detach the shopping tags from clothing before you know if the items will fit.

14 submarine  n.  A vessel that can be submerged and navigated under water.
  The divers were able to pull Billy out, but he could kiss his homemade submarine goodbye.