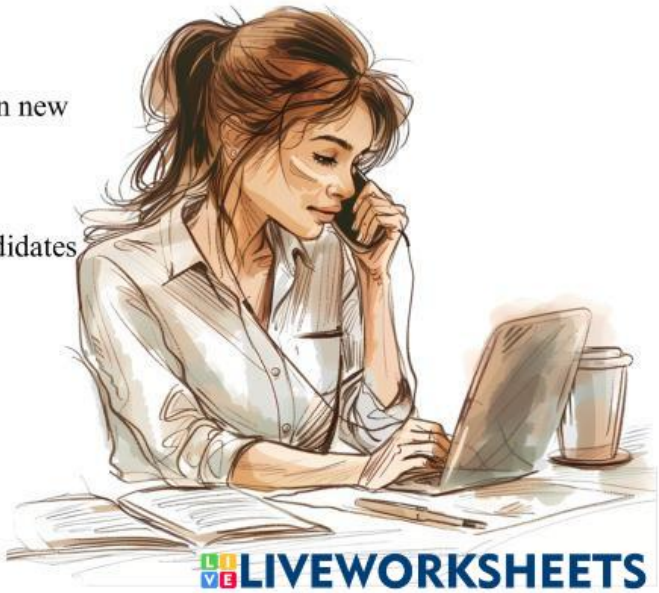
Ex.1. Match words with their definitions on the right.

Vocabulary	Definition
to decline	a retaliatory action, often as punishment for a perceived wrongdoing
invariably	to set a limit or restriction on an amount, such as costs, salaries, or production
proposal	to improve or refine one's abilities through practice or experience.
to hone	to **gradually** reduce in size, number, or importance through a process of elimination
substantial	to refuse, to reject
to cap	a lack of effort or a gap in work that needs to be picked up by others
disarray	large in importance, value or size
reprisal	always, without a change
slack (noun)	a suggestion or a plan, usually a written one
to whittle down	a state of disorder, confusion, or mess

Ex.2. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from exercise 1 in the correct form.

1. The company decided to..... annual bonuses at 10% of each employee's salary.
2. The manager had to .....the candidate's job application due to a lack of experience.
3. The sudden resignation of the CEO left the company in .....for weeks.
4. The new training program helps employees ..... their skills in project management.
5. The IT team.....resolves technical issues within 24 hours.
6. The marketing team submitted a.....for a new advertising campaign.
7. The whistleblower feared .....after reporting unethical business practices.
8. The automation of routine tasks helped reduce the.....in workflow and improved overall efficiency.
9. The company made a.....investment in new technology to improve productivity.
10. Management had to .....the list of candidates from 50 to just five.



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