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Impact	The effect on a project if a risk occurs	Project Risk Management Overview
Implement Risk Responses	The process of identifying when a risk is happening and implementing risk responses	Project Risk Management Overview
Issue	A risk that occurs which requires management and solution	Risk Defined
Known Risk	A risk that the team identifies and documents on the project risk register	Risk Defined
Monitor Risks	The process of performing periodic risk reassessments	Risk Management Planning
Opportunity	A positive risk	Risk Defined
Perform Qualitative Risk Analysis	Process of evaluating each risk by analyzing the probability times the impact on calculating a risk score	Risk Register Demo
Perform Quantitative Risk Analysis	Process of evaluating risk using mathematical methods to adjust probability times impact and the overall risk score	Risk Register Demo
Plan Risk	Process of developing and distributing the risk management plan	Project Risk Management Overview
Plan Risk Responses	The process of developing specific responses for each identified risk	Project Risk Management Overview
Probability	The potential for a risk to occur	Risk Management Planning
Probability and Impact Matrix	A key risk management plan component that defines how the team will manage various levels of risk using a risk score	Risk Management Planning

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Project Risk Management	A five-step risk management methodology that includes planning, identifying, evaluating, responding, and controlling steps	Risk Defined
Risk	Any potential event, positive or negative, can impact a project	Project Risk Management Overview
Risk Appetite	A degree of uncertainty an organization is willing to accept in anticipation of a reward	Customer & Stakeholder Interaction
Risk Breakdown Structure	A hierarchical list of risks derived from past projects' lessons learned that could potentially impact a project	Risk Management Planning
Risk Exposure	The aggregate risk scores of all risks impacting a project	Risk Register Demo
Risk Management Plan	A plan that defines the end-to-end project risk management approach for a project	Project Risk Management Overview
Risk Metalanguage	A proven method to define a risk that uses cause- event-impact terminology	Project Risk Management Overview
Risk Owner	A team member assigned to manage an individual risk from project start through closure	Project Risk Management Overview
Risk Register	A complete register of known risks that may impact a project	Project Risk Management Overview
Risk Response	A measure a manager takes to address the impact of a risk	Project Risk Management Overview
Risk Score	The product of probability times impact	Risk Management Planning
Risk Threshold	A level of risk exposure above which risks are addressed and below which risks are accepted	Customer & Stakeholder Interaction
Risk Trigger	An early warning that a risk is about to occur. The warning triggers a risk response	Risk Register Demo

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SWOT	A risk identification tool that stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats	SWOT Analysis Demo
Threat	A negative risk	Risk Defined
Unknown Risk	A risk that the team has yet to identify	Risk Defined
Urgent List	A list of risks and management details for risks above a defined threshold when measured by probability times impact	Risk Management Planning
Watch List	A list of risks and management details for risks below a defined threshold when measured by probability times impact	Risk Management Planning