

## Construction-Fill in the blanks

**Directions: Fill in the blank with a word that makes sense to you. Circle words near the blank that show why you chose that word.**

### Passage 1

The construction industry has a great influence on the economic health of this country. The two are closely tied together. In fact, this industry is the cornerstone to the growth of the national \_\_\_\_\_. Times of prosperity are largely sparked by extensive private construction. In periods of recession, when construction volume \_\_\_\_\_ great cutbacks, government sponsored public works are used to reduce unemployment. A high level of construction activity is an \_\_\_\_\_ element for national prosperity.

### Passage 2

By nature, construction work is hazardous, and accidents are frequent and often \_\_\_\_\_. The annual toll of deaths, personal injuries, and property damage in the construction industry is extremely high. The potential severity of accident and the frequency with which they occur require that the contractor \_\_\_\_\_ himself with a variety of complex and expensive insurance coverages. Without \_\_\_\_\_ insurance protection, the contractor would be continuously faced with the momentary possibility of serious or even ruinous financial loss.