TERMS MODULE 1

A. List of terms to learn:

1. Architecture (adj. architectural)
2. Assembly
3. Basement wall
4. Bid or tender phase
5. Boundary wall
6. Condominium (short 'condo')
7. Detached house/ semidetached house
8. Dwelling
9. Engineering
10. Environment
11. Erection
12. Flat (syn. apartment)
13. Foreperson
14. Gate
15. Land clearance
16. LEED certification
17. Mason
18. Parapet
19. Penthouse
20. Plot
21. Project stages
22. Retaining wall
23. Row house (syn. terraced house)
24. Scaffolding (syn. scaffold)
25. Sewerage system (syn. sewer)
26. Shell
27. Site
28. Trades
29. Urban planning (syn. city planning)
30. Wiring

B. Listen to the audio of each term. Repeat each term after you hear the sound. Do it several times.

C. Pay special attention to the pronunciation of the following terms, check document 'materials to get you started'

1. **Architecture** /ˈɑːkɪˌtɛktʃə/: this word has two stresses, one in the first syllable which is strong, and a weak one in the third syllable. Make sure to pronounce the last syllable /tʃə/ properly

2. **Detached house** /dɪˈtætʃt/: have a look at the three different ways of pronouncing the –ed ending in 'materials to get you started' document. In this case it sounds 't'

3. **Engineering** /ˌɛndʒɪˈnɪərɪŋ/: note that this word has two stresses, the strongest one is in the 3rd syllable, and sounds /ˈnɪə/ not /ˈnə/, a typical mistake. Engineering is the profession and 'engineer' /ˌɛndʒɪˈnɪə/ is the person who has a degree in engineering. Make sure you do not say "I have a degree in civil engineer", but "I have a degree in civil engineering"

4. **Environment** /ɪnˈvaɪrənmənt/: it is a difficult word, pronounce it several times; pronounce the 'v' properly and do not forget the 't' sound at the end

5. **Erection** /ɪˈrɛkʃən/: Spanish speaking people do not pronounce the words ending in '-tion' properly, make sure you do /ʃən/

6. **Land clearance** /ˈklɪərəns/: repeat 'clearance' several times

7. **LEED certification** /ˌsɜːtɪfɪˈkeɪʃən/: the syllables ce/ci sound 's' in English. Note also the /ʃən/ at the end

8. **Mason** /ˈmeɪsᵊn/: the /ə/ hardly sounds

9. **Project stages** /steɪdʒis/: observe the 's' at the beginning position. Do not forget to pronounce the plural in 'stages'

10. **Scaffolding** /ˈskæfəldɪŋ/: the 's' at the initial position sounds 's' without an 'e', a typical mistake, as there is not this sound in Spanish

11. **Sewerage system** /ˈsuːərɪdʒ/: note the sound of 'sewerage', it is a difficult sound, repeat it several times

12. **Shell** /ʃɛl/ 'sh' is pronounced /ʃ /, a sound which is not found in Spanish. Words that are spelt 'sh' are pronounced /ʃ /, but sometimes 's' is also pronounced /ʃ / **NOT** /s/ like in 'sugar' /ˈʃʊgə/ or in 'sure' /ʃʊə/.

13. **Site** /saɪt/: notice it is /ai/, not /i/.

14. **Urban planning** /ˈɜːbᵊn/: the 'u' at initial position may be pronounced as a vowel like in 'urban' or as a consotant like in university /ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːsɪtɪ/, or 'utility' /juːˈtɪlɪtɪ/. This last word means a public service providing electricity or water.

15. **Wiring** /ˈwaɪərɪŋ/: note the pronunciation of the first 'i' it has three vowels. Repeat it several times.