Englist.me

Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Christopher Soghoian: Your smartphone is a civil rights issue | TED Talk
https://www.ted.com/talks/christopher_soghoian_your _smartphone_is_a_civil_rights_issue

Advanced Words Only

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source.
We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

smartphone
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

android
n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet
The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

encrypt
v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message
To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property,   (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**,   (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected,   (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

cybersecurity

n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

synonym : information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat,   (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

malware

n. a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym : virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack,   (2) prevent **malware**

My computer was infected with **malware,** and it caused many problems.

stalker

n.   a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior

synonym : prowler, predator, pursuer

(1) **stalker** behavior,   (2) cyber **stalker**

She hired a private investigator to track down her obsessed **stalker**.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience,   (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

sham

n.   something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle,   (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sma_____ne addict

    n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

2. turn out to be all s__m

    n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

3. cannot log in to the a_p

    n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

4. An____d tablet

    n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

5. en____t data

    v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

6. cyb_____ity measures

    n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

7. a s__m battle

    n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 1. smartphone, 2. sham, 3. app, 4. android, 5. encrypt, 6. cybersecurity, 7. sham

8. se__e a person's property	*v.*	to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
9. st____r behavior	*n.*	a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior
10. se__e the day	*v.*	to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
11. en____t message	*v.*	to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
12. dis_____ely affected	*adv.*	in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
13. prevent ma____e	*n.*	a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
14. killer a_p	*n.*	(abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
15. ter_____ng events	*adj.*	very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 8. seize, 9. stalker, 10. seize, 11. encrypt, 12. disproportionately, 13. malware, 14. app, 15. terrifying

16. ma_____e attack   *n.*   a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

17. cyb_____ity threat   *n.*   the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

18. ter_____ng experience   *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

19. dis_____ely high   *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

20. cyber st_____r   *n.*   a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior

21. household an_____d   *n.*   a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

22. sma_____ne app developer   *n.*   a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 16. malware, 17. cybersecurity, 18. terrifying, 19. disproportionately, 20. stalker, 21. android, 22. smartphone

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The data he prepared was completely _____.

    n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

2. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

    adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

3. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

    n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

4. She hired a private investigator to track down her obsessed _____.

    n. a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior

5. My computer was infected with _____ and it caused many problems.

    n. a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

6. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

    v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

7. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.

    v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. disproportionately, 3. android, 4. stalker, 5. malware, 6. seize, 7. encrypt

8.   Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

 n.   a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

9.   The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

 n.   (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

10. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, _____ awareness and education become even more important

 n.   the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

11. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

 adj. very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 8. smartphones, 9. app's, 10. cybersecurity, 11. terrifying