**Vocabulary Sheet #4**

Auspicious

Circumspect

Conspicuous

Espionage

Illuminate

Imbibe

Implant

Inaugurate

Inscribe

Introspection

Perspicacity

Retrospect

Specious

Spectral

Speculation

Pick 5 words you don’t know from the list above. Use the word parts and example sentences on the back to guess what each word means. Then look up the actual definition and write your own sentence using the word.

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in- (prefix): inside spect, spic (root): sight, looking

His brilliant acceptance speech was an **auspicious** start to his career. Everyone knows the end of the year is an **auspicious** time to buy a car.

You should be **circumpect** about giving out information on the Internet. Even though the criminal was in handcuffs, the policeman was still **circumspect** around him.

It would be inappropriate to wear such a **conspicuous** dress to a funeral. If you dye your hair purple, you will be very **conspicuous.**

**Espionage** is a vocation that requires a cunning mind. As a precaution against **espionage**, entry to the building was severely regulated.

If the light bulb is too dim to **illuminate** the room, it should be replaced. Hopefully the investigation will **illuminate** the extent of corruption in the department.

Despite being unable to **imbibe** alcohol, Mary probably had the most fun at the reception. If I **imbibe** too much soda, I soon find that I am troubled with bouts of hiccupping.

My father has tried to **implant** good values in my heart. The authorities kept track of his location through the microchip **implanted** in his wrist.

The President is **inaugurated** on January 20th. I do not think that the last week of a term is the best time to **inaugurate** a new routine.

The author **inscribed** a message and autograph in my copy of the book. The words of the Gettysburg Adderss are **inscribed** on the Lincoln Memorial.

There is no time to engage in **introspection** during the heat of battle. Perhaps if you spent some time in **introspection**, you would stop repeating the same bad habits.

The detective’s **perspicacity** allowed him to easily recognize the criminal in the crowd. Because billionaire Warren Buffet is know for his **perspicacity**, many people follow his stock-buying choices.

In **retrospec**t, the old man wished he had traveled more during his youth. The idea to try to capture a wolf seemed exciting, but in **retrospect**, Jack realized the excitement was not worth his missing limb.

The intruder gave the authorities a **specious** excuse for his presence in the building. The salesman made **specious** promises that he could not uphold

The elderly woman was so ill she had a **spectral** appearance. As we walked through the old house, a **spectral** figure frightened us.

I do not know the reasons Jim and Karen divorced, so any guesses would be mere **speculation.** It’s really impossible to **speculate** on Phil’s financial situation.