**Vocabulary Sheet #6**

Constructive

Debacle

Debilitate

Decapitate

Decrepit

Decrypt

Deduct

Defame

Defenestrate

Depravity

Infrastructure

Instructive

Misconstrue

Obstruction

Reconstruction

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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de- (prefix):away from, off struct (root): build

The coach taught his team to take something **constructive** from every defeat. I don’t mind feedback as long as the criticism is **constructive.**

When the movie was released, it was called a **debacle** by critics. We have much to learn from the latest military **debacle.**

Determined to continue forward, he would not let the injury **debilitate** him. A quick punch to the throat will **debilitate** most attackers.

An adult grizzly can **decapitate** a 300-pound moose with one swipe of its paw. ISIS threatened to **decapitate** more hostages unless US forces ended the siege of Fallujah.

The **decrepit** car refused to start. While Kurt’s jeans are **decrepit** and full of holes, they are his favorite pair.

The Rosetta Stone helped researchers **decrypt** the Ancient Egyptian language. We will have to **decrypt** the file in order to find the information.

In your planning, be sure to **deduct** the cost of travel from your profits. In general, you can’t **deduct** that type of expense from your taxes.

The actor sued the newspaper for **defaming** him with false stories. The senator viewed the outrageous accusations as an attempt to **defame** him.

The newcomers had to be taught to put trash in a can rather than to **defenestrate** it. I nearly **defenestrated** my computer when it kept giving me error messages.

Although Linda was raised in a good home, she now lives a life of **depravity**. The witch’s **depravity** was known throughout the kingdom.

Voters passed a bond to build new roads, bridges, and other **infrastructure** improvements. The aging building’s **infrastructure** needed lots of repairs.

It’s always **instructive** to hear what outsiders have to say about how we do things. I attended a very **instructive** lecture on how to properly prune grape vines.

Carla had no idea that her aunt would completely **misconstrue** her intended compliment. Abby **misconstrued** the expression on my face and thought I was upset.

We had to wait until they cleared the road of the **obstruction** caused by the accident before we could continue. Joan has caused considerable **obstructions** to our progress because of all her complaints and delays.

After the hurricane, National Guard troops were sent to the city to help with **reconstruction.** Following the Civil War, the South experienced a long period of rebuilding known as **Reconstruction**.