

14 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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1. Rage

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To speak angrily

- **Sentence:**

- Putin rages against West in speech

2. Decry

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To denounce publicly

- **Sentence:**

- Putin rages against West in speech decried as absurd propaganda

3. Pull out

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To withdraw

- **Sentence:**

- *In an angry state-of-the-nation address, the Russian leader says he will pull out of a nuclear treaty and blames Ukraine for the invasion he started.*

4. Combative

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Eager to fight or argue

- **Sentence:**

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has made a combative state-of-the-nation speech, blaming the West for the war in Ukraine ahead of the first anniversary of the invasion he ordered.

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5. Arsenal

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Military equipment

- **Sentence:**

- He also said Russia would suspend participation in the New START treaty, the last major pillar of post-Cold War nuclear arms control between Moscow and Washington, which limits their strategic nuclear arsenals.

6. Posture

Noun, verb

- **Meaning:**

The way a government deals an issue

- **Sentence:**

- “We’ll be watching carefully to see what Russia actually does. We’ll of course make sure that in any event, we are postured appropriately for the security of our own country and that of our allies.”

7. Cap

Noun, Verb

- **Meaning:**

To put a limit on something

- **Sentence:**

- The New START treaty, which was signed in Prague in 2010, caps the number of strategic nuclear warheads Russia and the US may deploy,

8. Simmer

Verb

- **Meaning:**

A disagreement grows slowly over a period of time

- **Sentence:**

- “I would like to repeat, they started the war, and we used force in order to stop it,” Putin said, insisting Moscow had tried to settle the conflict in eastern Ukraine’s Donbas region, which had been simmering since early 2014,

9. Overlord

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A ruler

- **Sentence:**

- “The people of Ukraine have become the hostage of the Kyiv regime and its Western overlords, who have effectively occupied this country in the political, military and economic sense,” Putin said.

10. Existential

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Related to existence

- **Sentence:**

- Putin claims Russia is locked in an existential battle with the West,

11. Carve up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To divide into small pieces

- **Sentence:**

- Putin claims Russia is locked in an existential battle with the West, which, he says, wants to carve up Russia and steal its vast natural resources.

12. Inflict

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To impose something unpleasant

- **Sentence:**

- “The Western elite does not conceal their goal, which is to inflict a strategic defeat on Russia,” the president said. “It means to finish us forever.”

13. Yield

Verb

- **Meaning:**

 - To produce or provide

 - To give way to pressure or demands

- **Sentence:**

 - The 70-year-old Kremlin chief said Russia would never yield to Western attempts to divide its society, adding that a majority of Russians support the war.

14. Appease

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To pacify or satisfy someone by meeting their demands

- **Sentence:**

- Marwan Kabalan, an academic and writer, told Al Jazeera Putin's speech was aimed at appeasing Russians because Moscow has not achieved its military goals in Ukraine.

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