

# 16 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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# 1. Distrust

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A feeling of not trusting

- **Sentence:**

- Distrust deepens over US-China balloon row

# 2. Saga

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A series of incidents

- **Sentence:**

- As the rift between the US and China over the balloon saga widens,

# 3. Scrutinize

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To examine something carefully

- **Sentence:**

- so has the divide within the global community scrutinising their high-stakes dispute.

# 4. Back up

**Phrasal verb**

- **Meaning:**

To provide support to someone or something

- **Sentence:**

- China continues to deny that they sent a spy balloon, even as the US continues to disclose more details of the object to back up their allegation.

# 5. Grapple

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To fight in order to win

- **Sentence:**

- the way both Beijing and Washington have responded to each other has come under close examination as the world grapples

# 6. Implication

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

The conclusion that can be drawn from something

- **Sentence:**

- the way both Beijing and Washington have responded to each other has come under close examination as the world grapples with the incident's implications for national security and geopolitical stability.

# 7. Espionage

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Practice of spying, typically by governments

- **Sentence:**

- For some, the incident has heightened anxieties over the reach of Chinese espionage,



# 8. Scramble

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To move quickly

- **Sentence:**

- as governments scramble to reassess what they know of China's surveillance capabilities.

# 9. Remnant

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Remaining parts of something

- **Sentence:**

- Taiwan's defence ministry later clarified it had only spotted Chinese weather balloons - on Friday it found the remnants of one such object - but also warned they would not hesitate to shoot down any suspected military objects in its airspace.

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# 10. Underestimation

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A rough estimation that something is less important

- **Sentence:**

- the incident has highlighted an underestimation of China's surveillance capability - and the lengths Beijing would go to prove it.

# 11. Adherence

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Commitment to a rule, law, cause or belief

- **Sentence:**

- This, said Mr Thompson, was done "regardless of the consequences to China's reputation, its obligation and adherence to international law,

# 12. Restraint

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

The act of holding back

- **Sentence:**

- This, said Mr Thompson, was done "regardless of the consequences to China's reputation, its obligation and adherence to international law, and without considering the benefits of acting with restraint".

# 13. Concerted

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Done together, jointly

- **Sentence:**

- Noting there has been a lack of a concerted outcry

# 14. Pushback

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A negative reaction

- **Sentence:**

- Noting there has been a lack of a concerted outcry and pushback from the global community,

# 15. Fragility

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A quality of being easily broke, delicate

- **Sentence:**

- Mr Thompson said this demonstrated "a fragility of international law"



# 16. Deter

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To prevent something from happening

- **Sentence:**

- Mr Thompson said this demonstrated "a fragility of international law" and was a "testament to China's ability to deter other countries from criticising them", and could lead to a more unsafe world.

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