

PROFESSIONAL VOCABULARY

The worksheet is designed to build your skills in exploring your knowledge on professional vocabulary.

EXERCISE

Look at the word on the left. When you read your textbook, engineering reference material or engineering reports look for as many instances of the words on the left as you can find. Note different **forms** of the word. At the same time, note the **phrases** that the word appears in. A phrase may include 1-3 words before the word and 1-3 words after the word. Paying attention to both the form and the phrases will help you learn how the word and its different forms are used in engineering writing. The first word, inspect, is provided as an example. Try to find as many forms of the word given to you on the left column and as many chunks of that word used in professional writing.

Word: A word is a single unit of language that can be represented in writing or speech.

Form: The structure of a word, phrase, sentence, or discourse.

Phrase: A group of two or more words functioning as a meaningful unit within a sentence or clause.

| WORDS | FORMS | PHRASES |
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| inspect | inspecting, inspected, inspection, inspections, inspector, inspectors | safety inspector, building inspection, inspection report, perform an inspection |
| maintain | | |
| function | | |
| require | | |
| constrain | | |
| extinguish | | |
| manage | | |
| own | | |
| response | | |