

VOCABULARY SLIP

Topic 1.1: Understanding Social Engineering

LO: 1.1.A, 1.1.B, 1.1.C | Skill: 1.A | Scenario: 1A: Detecting Phishing Messages

Vocabulary Slip — Topic 1.1

Keep this slip in your notebook. Use it during MCQs and the Mini-FRQ.

Term	Definition
Social engineering	Attack that manipulates a person — not a system — using psychological tactics like fear or time pressure.
Phishing	Social engineering by email; the adversary tries to get you to click a link, download a file, or send information.
Elicitation	Tricking someone into revealing sensitive information (often through casual conversation that doesn't feel like an interrogation).
Intimidation	Tactic that threatens a target with negative consequences if they don't comply.
Urgency	Tactic that pressures the target to act before they have time to think.
One-time password (OTP)	A short code sent to a phone or app to confirm a login; valuable to adversaries because it grants account access.
Malware	Software designed to harm a device or steal from it; often delivered via a malicious download or link.
Credential capture	Stealing a username and password, often by tricking a user into entering them on a fake login page.