Intelligence & Spy vocabulary

- Assassination the killing of a prominent person for political or strategic reasons
- Bunker a reinforced secure structure, often underground
- Cipher a method of disguising writing so only someone with the key can read it
- Codebreaking solving secret codes and ciphers to reveal hidden messages
- Counter-espionage efforts to detect and stop enemy spies
- Decryption turning coded text back into its original form
- Defection abandoning one's country or organisation to join another, often an enemy
- Disguise altering appearance or identity to conceal who you really are
- Double agent a spy who pretends to work for one side while secretly working for the other
- Espionage the practice of spying to gather secret information
- Infiltration secretly entering or joining an organisation to gather information
- Intercept secretly capturing communications, such as letters or phone calls
- Legacy the lasting impact or reputation someone leaves behind
- Network a group of people linked for secret communication or action
- Plot a secret plan to commit an illegal or violent act
- Recruitment persuading someone to work as a spy or agent
- Ricin a deadly poison extracted from castor beans, used in the Markov case
- Sabotage deliberate destruction to weaken an enemy's resources or plans
- Spymaster a person in charge of directing a network of spies
- Surveillance close observation of people, places, or communications