

# Dawn Editorial Vocabulary & Phrases

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## **1. The cost of relief**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### 1. **\*\*Words:\*\***

stern: strict and severe

multilateral: involving more than two parties or countries

concessions: a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands

inconclusive: not leading to a firm conclusion or result

bolstering: support or strengthen

prioritise: designate or treat (something) as more important than other things

overarching: dominating or embracing all else

fiscal: relating to government revenue, especially taxes

apprehensions: anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen

fortifying: strengthen (something)

formidable: inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable

#### 2. **\*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

feel-good factor: something that makes people feel happy and optimistic

relief plans: plans to reduce the financial burden on people or businesses

tax relief: reduction in the amount of tax that must be paid

tax cuts: reductions in the amount of tax levied

revenue slippages: shortfall in government revenue

fiscal extravagance: excessive government spending

win over: persuade someone to support you

sorted out: resolved, fixed

hit the target: achieve the goal

come up with: devise, create

## **2. Muzzling criticism**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

coercive: using force or threats

legitimate: lawful or rightful

stifle: suppress

underscore: emphasize

morphed: changed

blunt: direct and forceful

punitive: inflicting punishment

retribution: punishment

vaguely: unclearly

vested: given

authoritarianism: a system of government characterized by absolute obedience to authority

bailable: able to be released on bail

non-cognizable: not requiring police to register a case

safeguards: protective measures

intimidation: frightening or threatening

acutely: sharply; intensely

hyper-regulated: excessively controlled

fraught: filled with

curbing: restraining

underpinned: supported

scrutiny: careful examination

procedural: relating to procedure

repressive: suppressing

autocracy: a system of government by one person with absolute power

repeal: revoke or cancel

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

speak truth to power: to challenge authority

a blunt instrument: a crude or harsh method

the new normal: the current situation, even if undesirable

playing out: unfolding; happening

slide further into autocracy: gradually become more authoritarian

a grave misstep: a serious mistake

### **3. Coastal development**

#### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

##### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

multibillion: consisting of or worth many billions of dollars

purview: the scope of one's authority or responsibility

desalination: the process of removing salt from seawater

premature: done too soon or before the right time

denounce: publicly declare to be wrong or evil

proportions: size, scale, or extent

transparency: the quality of being open and honest

buy-in: the act of agreeing to or supporting something

barren: unproductive or unfertile

justified: shown to be right or reasonable

ecological: relating to the environment

devastate: severely damage or destroy

nurturing: providing care and attention to help someone or something grow

fragile: easily broken or damaged

venture: a risky or daring undertaking

##### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

in the works: in the process of being made or developed

set to: prepared or intending to do something

thinking big: planning or aiming for something large-scale or ambitious

as per: according to

instantly denounce: immediately condemn or reject

keeping in mind: considering or remembering something

do its homework: to prepare thoroughly

let the people know: to inform or make the public aware

## **4. Warming ties**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

charge d'affaires: a temporary diplomatic representative

ambassadorial: relating to an ambassador or their duties

bilateral: involving two parties or countries

diplomatic: relating to diplomacy or diplomats

complemented: enhanced or completed

maturity: the state of being fully developed

pledging: solemnly promising

trilateral: involving three parties or countries

credentials: documents proving someone's identity or authority

recognition: acknowledgment of something's existence, truth, or legality

regime: a government or ruling power

isolated: separated from others

court: seek to obtain favor or support from

chiefly: mainly

realms: fields or domains

amplify: increase the strength or impact of

irritants: things that cause annoyance or irritation

integration: the process of combining things

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

Warming ties: improving relations

cautious optimism: optimism tempered with caution

translate to: mean or result in

steps towards: actions leading to a goal

exchanging fire: engaging in armed conflict

cement ties: strengthen relations

the work of: the result of someone's efforts

keep...at bay: keep something from getting close or harming

runs through: depends on

many fronts: many areas or aspects

in view of: considering

take off: begin to succeed or progress rapidly

cleansed of: rid of something unwanted

stand in the way of: obstruct or hinder

## **5. Exporters' woes**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

regressively: in a way that disproportionately affects those with less

judiciously: showing good judgment; wisely

materialise: become reality

synthetic: made from artificial substances rather than natural ones

functional: designed to be practical and useful

diversify: make or become more varied or diverse

competitiveness: the ability to compete successfully

compliance: the action or fact of complying with a wish or command

subsidise: support (a person, organization, or activity) financially

eroding: gradually destroying or weakening

teething issues: minor problems at an early stage of development

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

on top of their wish list: as their highest priority

in short: in summary

in addition to: besides

at the risk of: with the possibility of

in no way: not at all

high time: the ideal or appropriate time

holding back: preventing from progressing

unlock...potential: release or reveal the full capacity of

## **6. Sporting success**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

euphoria: a feeling or state of intense happiness and excitement

climax: the most exciting or important part of something

triumph: a great victory or achievement

fearless: not afraid

dynamism: the quality of being energetic and forceful

clinched: secured or won

governing: controlling or directing

infighting: conflict within a group

uplift: to improve or raise the spirits of

diplomacy: the art or practice of conducting negotiations between representatives of states.

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

spilled over: extended or continued beyond the initial event

whitewash: a complete victory, especially in a sporting series

in-charge: responsible for something

gunning for: striving for

at the helm: in charge or in control

in the same vein: in a similar manner

soft power: the ability of a country to achieve its goals through cultural and ideological means, rather than military force