

WORD LIST-2 (APR 04, 2023)

1. balancing act (noun) – an activity that calls for a delicate balance between different conditions/circumstances.
2. await (verb) - wait for.
3. involve (verb) - include, take in, embrace (in an activity).
4. interest (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
5. navigate (verb) – guide, direct, steer, handle.
6. pandemic (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
7. decisive (adjective) – resolute, firm, determined.
8. invasion (noun) – attack, offensive, onslaught, incursion, assault.
9. approval rating (noun) – a measure of people's approval of a political leader.
10. centre-left (adjective) – moderately left-wing (party).
11. green (adjective) – relating to a political party (in Finland).
12. coalition (noun) – alliance, association, union, partnership.
13. vote out (phrase verb) – dismiss, oust, remove, throw out (someone from a position of power by voting in an election).
14. largely (adverb) – substantially, considerably, significantly.
15. dominate (verb) – be the most important thing in something.
16. conservative (adjective) – right-wing, rightist, traditionalist.
17. end up (phrasal verb) – finish up, turn up, come/appear, find oneself (to a particular course of action in the end).
18. anti-immigrant (adjective) – voicing opposition to immigrants (non-natives, foreigners, migrants).
19. populist (adjective) – relating to the politicians who claim that they are representing the common/ordinary people.
20. proportional representation (PR) (noun) – this refers to an electoral system in which the distribution of seats corresponds closely with the proportion of the total votes cast for each party. This is a more complicated but representative system than the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system, which is used in India. If a party gets 40% of the total votes, for example, a perfectly proportional system would allow it to get 40% of the seats. Some countries used a combination of the proportional representation system and the FPTP system.

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21. tally (noun) – total, result, count.
22. setback (noun) – problem, difficulty, issue.
23. project (verb) – forecast, predict, estimate, calculate, gauge, reckon, expect.
24. legislator (noun) – a member of a legislature (parliament/legislative assembly); lawmaker, representative.
25. predecessor (noun) – previous holder of the post; forerunner, precursor, antecedent.
26. unionist (noun) – a member of a trade union.
27. sceptic (noun) – cynic, doubter, questioner, pessimist.
28. term (noun) – period in office; time, stint, duration.
29. rock (verb) – shake up, blow away, shock, stun, surprise, take aback.
30. ally (noun) – partner, supporter, confederate.
31. step up (phrasal verb) – increase, intensify, consolidate, augment, strengthen, accelerate, escalate.
32. social spending (noun) – government expenditure or government spending on social welfare schemes.
33. cushion (verb) – protect, buffer, shield, defend.
34. batter (verb) – damage, spoil, impair, ruin; smash, hit, strike repeatedly.
35. grim (adjective) – distressing, upsetting, worrying, unpleasant, dismal/awful.
36. Winter War (1939-1940) (noun) – also known as the Russo-Finnish War; it was a war between the Soviet Union and Finland. The war began with a Soviet invasion of Finland on 30 November 1939, three months after the outbreak of World War II, and ended three and a half months later with the Moscow Peace Treaty on 13 March 1940.
37. neutral (adjective) – non-participating, non-allied, unaligned, impartial, unbiased, non-partisan.
38. the Cold War (noun) – The Cold War was a state of political and military tension after World War II between powers in the Western Bloc (the United States and a group of countries) and powers in the Eastern Bloc (the Soviet Union and a group of countries).
39. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
40. calculus (noun) – calculation, prediction, estimation.

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41. rally (verb) - gather, collect, bring together, get together, join together.
42. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (noun) – NATO was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.
43. cost (noun) – loss, suffering, drawback, disadvantage.
44. led to past participle of lead to (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
45. downfall (noun) – defeat, failure, collapse.
46. amid (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
47. surging (adjective) – rising, increasing (suddenly).
48. inflation (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
49. handling (noun) – administration, management, controlling, performance, oversight, direction.
50. slam (verb) - criticize, censure, denounce, condemn, attack, find fault with.
51. immigration (noun) – the act of leaving one's countries and moving to another country of which they are not natives, nor citizens, to settle or reside there, especially as permanent residents or naturalized citizens.
52. uncertainty (noun) – unpredictability, unreliability, riskiness/precariousness.
53. accentuate (verb) – emphasize, put stress on, highlight, underline, underscore, draw attention to.
54. seasoned (adjective) – long-serving, veteran, mature, established, experienced (person in an area of activity).
55. go with (verb) – agree with, coordinate (with).
56. balance (noun) – fairness, impartiality, evenness, equipoise, egalitarianism; equilibrium.

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