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WORD LIST-2 (MAR 31, 2023)

1. **First Minister of Scotland** (noun) – The First Minister is head of the Scottish Government and has ultimate responsibility for all policy and decisions. As head of the Scottish Government, the First Minister is responsible for the overall development, implementation and presentation of the administration's policies and for promoting and representing Scotland at home and overseas.
2. **immigrants** (noun) – non-natives, foreigners, migrants.
3. **descent** (noun) - origin, ancestry, parentage, family, lineage, heredity.
4. **take up** (phrasal verb) - start to occupy (a position or post or job).
5. **in a (professional) capacity** (phrase) - with a particular job or post or position.
6. **career politician** (noun) - full-time politician; a person, who approaches to politics as a profession, has no significant professional experience outside of the political arena.
7. **insider** (noun) – a member of any group of people of limited number and generally restricted access; member, staff member, employee.
8. **step into (someone's) shoes** (phrase) - to take over a job/position/post from someone; substitute, deputize, stand in, take over (someone's responsibilities).
9. **predecessor** (noun) – previous holder of the post; forerunner, precursor, antecedent.
10. **tenor** (noun) – the general content/meaning.
11. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.
12. **context** (noun) - circumstances, situation, background.
13. **complex** (adjective) – complicated, difficult, problematical, tricky.
14. **Brexit** (noun) – a term used for the (supposed) departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union.
15. **run** (verb) – carry out, do, perform, organize.

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16. campaign (noun) – canvassing, electioneering, an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making progress within a specific group.
17. live up to (phrasal verb) – satisfy, fulfil, achieve, meet.
18. reputation (noun) – good name, standing, status, position, image.
19. continuity (noun) – stability, constancy, continuance.
20. continuity candidate (noun) – a candidate who has not been defeated.
21. steer (verb) – guide, navigate, direct.
22. choppy waters (phrase) – this idiomatic expression is used to refer to troublesome, difficult or uncertain times ahead.
23. ongoing (adjective) – current, existing, happening, continuing, continuous, constant, unending.
24. cost-of-living (noun) – inflation; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
25. challenging (adjective) – difficult, tough, demanding.
26. transition (noun) – change, transformation.
27. renewable energy (noun) – green/clean energy; energy generated from natural resources (such as water, wind & solar energy).
28. long-promised (adjective) – long-awaited.
29. vital (adjective) - highly important.
30. drop (verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen.
31. referendum (noun) – public vote; a direct vote in which people cast ballots to decide on a specific issue or policy.
32. significantly (adverb) – considerably, substantially, appreciably.
33. in the wake of (phrase) – as a result of some event, especially an unpleasant one; in the aftermath of, as a consequence of, on account of, because of, owing to.

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34. **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.
35. **vow** (verb) – promise, swear, pledge, commit, affirm.
36. **reinvigorate** (verb) – revive, re-energize, rejuvenate; fortify, strengthen.
37. **call** (noun) – requirement, need, necessity, request, demand.
38. **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on.
39. **breakup** (noun) – division, splitting up (into several parts).
40. **Westminster** (noun) – a place/town (borough) in London which contains the Houses of Parliament and many government offices).
41. **unlikely** (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
42. **to make something worse** (phrase) – aggravate, worsen, make worse, intensify, exacerbate, compound, heighten.
43. **mess** (noun) - chaos, disorganization, turmoil, confusion.
44. **scar** (noun) - trauma, suffering damage, injury, upset.
45. **infighting** (noun) – (internal/hidden) dissent, dispute, strife, contention, conflict, friction, difference of opinion, disagreement.
46. **apparently** (adverb) – seemingly, evidently, it appears (that), ostensibly.
47. **insurmountable** (adjective) – unassailable, unbeatable, unstoppable, overwhelming, hopeless, impossible; no way to overcome/defeat.
48. **tantalize** (verb) - annoy, pester, worry, baffle, thrill.
49. **inflation** (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
50. **have one's work cut out** (phrase) – be faced with a tough task/work to do; be faced with a lot of hard work to accomplish something.

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