

# **EDITORIAL WORDS**

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## **WORD LIST-1 (SEP 22, 2022)**

1. **troops** (noun) - armed forces, forces, soldiers.
2. **mobilisation** (noun) – the act of bringing forces/people/resources together for a particular cause.
3. **setback** (noun) – problem, difficulty, issue.
4. **irrationality** (noun) – illogicality, unreasonableness, impracticality.
5. **mark** (verb) – indicate, signify, represent, denote.
6. **acknowledgement** (noun) – acceptance, admission, recognition.
7. **readiness** (noun) – preparedness, willingness, inclination.
8. **escalate** (verb) – increase, intensify, accelerate, heighten, deepen, make more serious.
9. **de-escalate** (verb) – diminish, lessen/decrease, dwindle (the intensity of a conflict).
10. **conflict** (noun) – war, armed conflict, battle, fighting.
11. **objective** (noun) – intention, purpose, intent, goal, aim.
12. **mobilise** (verb) – (of forces/people/resources) bring together for a specific cause.
13. **thrust** (noun) – a forceful attack; assault, offensive, onslaught, invasion, incursion, blitz.
14. **front** (noun) – position, direction.
15. **quite** (adjective) – somewhat, relatively, comparatively.
16. **forces** (noun) – troops; armed forces, soldiers.
17. **back** (verb) - support, defend, stand by, help, assist.
18. **slow down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, lessen, decrease.
19. **advances** (noun) – progress, headway, moving forward, forward movement.
20. **invasion** (noun) – attack, offensive, onslaught, incursion, assault.
21. **costly** (adjective) – ruinous, disastrous, devastating, crippling, damaging, harmful, woeful, awful, terrible, unfortunate.
22. **withdraw** (verb) - disengage, depart, leave, retreat, pull back, pull out (of military troops from an area of conflict).
23. **Kyiv** (proper noun) – Capital of Ukraine.
24. **Kharkiv** (proper noun) – a city in northeast Ukraine.
25. **territorial** (adjective) – relating to a particular territory (area/region).
26. **suffer** (verb) - experience, undergo, experience, face, encounter (something bad or unpleasant).
27. **oblast** (noun) – an administrative division or region in Russia and the former Soviet Union, and in some Slavic countries.

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28. **retreat** (verb) - disengage, depart, leave, withdraw, pull back, pull out (of military troops from an area of conflict).
29. **in the face of** (phrase) – despite, notwithstanding, regardless of; when confronted with.
30. **lightning** (adjective) – quick, fast, swift, rapid, expeditious.
31. **counter-offensive** (noun) – counter-attack.
32. **quicken** (verb) – accelerate, speed up, expedite, hasten.
33. **Kremlin** (noun) – The name “Kremlin” means “fortress inside a city”, and is often also used metonymically to refer to the official residence of the President of the Russian Federation in a similar sense to how “White House” refers to the Executive Office of the President of the United States; Kremlin is a fortified complex in the center of Moscow city. (Metonym is used as an alternative for something else with which it is closely related/associated).
34. **move** (noun) - movement, activity.
35. **consolidate** (verb) – strengthen, reinforce, fortify, buttress, underpin, bolster up, defend.
36. **pro-** (prefix) – supporting.
37. **separatist** (noun) - secessionist, dissident, protester, sectarian, nonconformist extremist, radical, revolutionary.
38. **Donbas region** (noun) – a historical, cultural, and economic region in south-eastern Ukraine, some of whose territory (Donetsk and Luhansk) is occupied by two separatist groups in the course of the Russo-Ukrainian War. President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia has recognized the independence of these two separatist regions in Ukraine.
39. **hold** (verb) - conduct, organize, arrange.
40. **referendum** (noun) – public vote; a direct vote in which people cast ballots to decide on a specific issue or policy.
41. **Russian Federation** (noun) - commonly known as Russia; a transcontinental country spanning Eastern Europe and Northern Asia.
42. **ballot** (noun) – the piece of paper used to record a vote.
43. **ballot** (noun) – vote, poll.
44. **cast** (verb) - vote, register a vote, enter a vote.
45. **slam/shut the door on** (phrase) - to refuse to consider/accept something (an idea, plan, solution, etc.); deny, reject, decline, spurn, dismiss (an idea/plan/solution).
46. **escalation** (noun) – intensification, aggravation, exacerbation.

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47. [in the first place](#) (phrase) - at the beginning.
48. [conscription](#) (noun) – compulsory enlistment for military service.
49. [unpopular](#) (adjective) – unfamous, disliked, hated, loathed.
50. [demilitarization](#) (noun) – disarmament, arms control, limitation or reduction of arms, deactivation of military weapons, decommissioning (of arms/weapons).
51. [reinvigorate](#) (verb) – revive, re-energize, rejuvenate; fortify, strengthen.
52. [reinvigorated](#) (adjective) – revived, re-energized, rejuvenated; fortified, strengthened/strong
53. [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.
54. [throw one's weight behind](#) (phrase) - to use one's power (influence) to support someone/something.
55. [collective](#) (adjective) – common, shared, joint, combined.
56. [take in](#) (phrasal verb) – include, incorporate, embody, encompass.
57. [acknowledge](#) (verb) – accept, recognize, realize.
58. [dial up](#) (phrasal verb) – increase, rise (the intensity of something).
59. [dial down](#) (phrasal verb) – reduce, lessen, decrease (the intensity of something).
60. [the best of something](#) (phrase) - used to refer to something very good.
61. [at war](#) (phrase) - engaged in a war.
62. [the West](#) (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
63. [sanctions](#) (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc.
64. [geopolitical](#) (adjective) – relating to (the study of) the geographical factors (a country's position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources &, etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
65. [the way forward](#) (phrase) – something (a plan/action) that leads to success in the future.
66. [certainty](#) (noun) – assurance.
67. [trigger](#) (verb) – cause, give rise to, lead to, bring about, generate.
68. [far more](#) (phrase) - much more.

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