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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (JUN 15, 2022)

1. [cyberweapon](#) (noun) – a cyber weapon is defined as a computer program designed to compromise (weaken) the integrity or availability of data in an enemy's IT system for military purposes, and a cyber attack is defined as the use of a cyber weapon for offensive purposes.
2. [underlie](#) (verb) – be the cause of, be the basis of, be the fundamental of.
3. [underlying](#) (adjective) – fundamental, basic, primary.
4. [awash](#) with (verb) – filled, loaded, full of, rife, overladen, flooded, fraught, swamped.
5. [speculation](#) (noun) – prediction, guesswork, supposition, surmise, notion, opinion/thought.
6. [armed forces](#) (noun) – army, navy, air force (collectively); troops, forces, services, soldiers, soldiery.
7. [decisive](#) (adjective) – deciding, conclusive, determining, final.
8. [blow](#) (noun) – shock, surprise; setback/misfortune.
9. [deal a blow](#) (phrase) - to cause harm to someone or something.
10. [\(strike\) a blow against](#) (phrase) – to act against something; to oppose something; reject, resist, stand against.
11. [one-sided](#) (adjective) – biased, prejudiced, partisan, narrow-minded.
12. [adduce](#) (verb) - cite, refer to, invoke.
13. [the West](#) (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
14. [lacklustre](#) (adjective) – dull, uninspired/uninteresting, mundane.
15. [morale](#) (noun) - confidence, self-confidence, dignity, self-esteem, state of mind.
16. [conscript](#) (verb) - compulsory enrollment for service in a country's armed forces; recruit, enlisted man.
17. [rung](#) (noun) – level, rank, position, standing, status, grade, stage, standard, echelon.
18. [hiatus](#) (noun) – gap, break, interval, pause.
19. [weaponry](#) (noun) – weapons of war, artillery, firearms, guns, armaments.
20. [outdated](#) (adjective) – old-fashioned, out of date, outmoded, out of fashion, unfashionable, out of style, old.
21. [wage](#) (verb) – engage in, carry on, conduct, pursue (a war or campaign).

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22. **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.
23. **admittedly** (adverb) – actually, truly/verily, indeed.
24. **inept** (adjective) – unsuccessful, ineffectual, incompetent, clumsy.
25. **battlefield** (noun) - battleground, theatre, arena of war.
26. **determined** (adjective) – resolute, full of determination, purposeful, purposive, resolved, decided, single-minded, firm.
27. **capitulate** (verb) - surrender, give in, yield, submit.
28. **a matter of** (phrase) - no more than.
29. **exaggerate** (verb) - overstate, overemphasize, overstress, overestimate, overvalue, magnify, amplify.
30. **call for** (phrasal verb) - require, need, necessitate, make necessary, demand.
31. **militarise** (verb) – to equip with military troops/forces; to deploy military troops/forces in an area.
32. **viz.** (adverb) – namely, specifically, in other words.
33. **arsenal** (noun) – array, range, line-up, collection of something (resources; weaponry).
34. **write off** (phrasal verb) – disregard, dismiss, ignore (someone/something as insignificant).
35. **invincibility** (noun) – unconquerability; unbeatable & powerful quality.
36. **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).
37. **read the tea leaves** (phrase) - predict what will happen in the future from small signs.
38. **lest** (conjunction) - in case, just in case.
39. **embark on** (verb) – begin, start, undertake, set about.
40. **misadventure** (noun) – misfortune; problem/difficulty, mishap/setback.
41. **tout** (verb) – endorse, praise, recommend, speak of.

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42. **worthwhile** (adjective) – valuable, useful, beneficial, advantageous, helpful, effective, efficacious, effectual, meaningful.
43. **play a role** (phrase) – contribute to, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
44. **distinguished** (adjective) – eminent, famous, renowned, prominent.
45. **in the event of something** (phrase) – if something happens.
46. **cyberattack** (noun) – a malicious and deliberate attempt by an individual or organization to breach the information system (computer network) of another individual or organization. An attack on an information or computer network as an “attempt to destroy, expose, alter, disable, steal or gain unauthorized access to or make unauthorized use of anything that has value to the individual/organization.
47. **plunge** (verb) – crash, plummet, drop, fall, tumble, nosedive, crash-dive, descend.
48. **National Security Agency (NSA)** (noun) – U.S. intelligence agency within the Department of Defense that is responsible for cryptographic and communications intelligence and security.
49. **domain** (noun) – area of activity, sphere of activity; realm, territory.
50. **memoir** (noun) – autobiography, life story, recollections/experiences.
51. **cyberspace** (noun) – It refers to the virtual computer world, and more specifically, an electronic medium that is used to facilitate online communication.
52. **critical** (adjective) – crucial, vital, essential, all-important, important.
53. **Pearl Harbour** (noun) – (figuratively) a sudden attack.
54. **paralyse** (verb) – cripple, disable, stop, bring to a (grinding) halt, put out of action, immobilize/inactivate.
55. **profound** (adjective) – intense, serious; far-reaching, radical, extensive, thoroughgoing, sweeping.
56. **vulnerability** (noun) – weakness, defencelessness, unprotectedness, susceptibility.
57. **intelligence** (noun) – (military/political) information, facts, details, particulars.
58. **put out** (phrasal verb) – issue, publish, release, publicize, broadcast, circulate.
59. **operative** (noun) – agent, secret agent, undercover agent, spy.
60. **munition** (noun) - bullets, shells, missiles.

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61. **infrastructure** (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure or framework that a country or organization needs in order to function properly. For a whole nation, it includes all the physical systems such as buildings, roads & railways networks, utilities, etc.
62. **detonate** (verb) - explode, blow up.
63. **oligarchy** (noun) – a small group that controls the country & government.
64. **presume** (verb) – assume, suppose, believe.
65. **swamp** (verb) - overwhelm, engulf, overpower.
66. **avalanche** (noun) – sudden arrival or happening of something (in very large quantities) at the same time.
67. **for one's part** (phrase) - as far as one is concerned, for oneself, to one's mind.
68. **corps** (noun) – unit, division, squad, section.
69. **deploy** (verb) – use, utilize, employ, make use of.
70. **alleged** (adjective) – supposed, claimed, professed, purported, reported, ostensible.
71. **in the midst of** (phrase) – in the middle of.
72. **grim** (adjective) – distressing, upsetting, worrying, unpleasant, dismal/awful.
73. **cybersecurity** (noun) – the protection of internet-connected systems, including hardware, software, and data from cyber attacks.
74. **derail** (verb) – obstruct, impede, hinder, hamper, block, interrupt, thwart, stop, restrict.
75. **the tip of the iceberg** (phrase) – if something is the tip of the iceberg, it is a small part of a much larger issue. This phrase is being used while talking about a problem.
76. **vis-à-vis** (preposition) – concerning, with regard to, in relation to, as/in comparison with, in connection with (*Vis-à-vis* from Latin via, French, means literally “face-to-face”).
77. **malware** (noun) – software program designed to damage a computer system.
78. **data-wiper** (noun) – data-eraser.
79. **for instance** (phrase) – for example; as an example.
80. **outage** (noun) – a period of time when there is unavailability /decrease in quality of a particular service (particularly electricity).

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81. **Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS)** (noun) – a well-coordinated cybersecurity attack achieved by flooding IT networks with superfluous requests to connect and overload the system to prevent legitimate requests being fulfilled (OR) a cyber-attack in which the perpetrator seeks to make a machine or network resource unavailable to its intended users by temporarily or indefinitely disrupting services of a host connected to the Internet. Put simply, it is an attempt to crash a web server or online system by overwhelming it with data.
82. **phishing** (noun as modifier) – the fraudulent use of electronic communications to deceive and take advantage of users.
83. **armageddon** (noun) – a final battle or conflict (highly destructive/catastrophic).
84. **tantamount to** (adjective) – equivalent to, comparable to, amounting to, on a par with.
85. **as far as — is concerned** (phrase) – with regard to a particular person or situation.
86. **string** (noun) – series, succession, chain, sequence.
87. **material** (adjective) – significant, major, important.
88. **cardinal** (adjective) – fundamental, basic, primary, main.
89. **put up** (phrasal verb) – display a particular level of resistance/effort in a competitive situation.
90. **stall** (verb) – obstruct, impede, hinder, hamper, interrupt, thwart, inhibit, hamstring, sabotage.
91. **offensive** (noun) – attack, assault, onslaught, invasion, act of war, act of aggression.
92. **all-out** (adjective) – intense, aggressive, vigorous, powerful.
93. **cyber-offensive** (noun) – cyber-attack.
94. **efficacy** (noun) – effectiveness, efficiency, power.
95. **kinetic** (adjective) – propelling, impelling, operative.
96. **perpetrator** (noun) – someone who does immoral, harmful, and illegal activity; offender, criminal, wrongdoer/evil-doer, culprit.
97. **enact** (verb) – perform, play, present, stage, act out.
98. **unrealistic** (adjective) – impractical, idealistic, unworkable.
99. **reprieve** (noun) – cancellation, suspension, postponement (of a punishment or something undesirable event); stay of execution.
100. **civilian** (adjective) – non-military, non-combatant.
101. **exploration** (noun) – research, examination, investigation.

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102. **threshold** (noun) – it is an amount, level, or limit of something. Once the threshold is reached, something else happens or changes; lower limit, starting point, point of entry.
103. **red herring** (noun) – misleading or distracting clue/information/argument; something that misleads or distracts from a main topic/subject/issue; bluff, trick, deception, smokescreen.
104. **raise the stakes** (noun) – increase the risk involved in a particular situation.
105. **implicit** (adjective) – implied, indirect, understood, tacit, unexpressed, unvoiced.
106. **tactical** (adjective) – calculated, strategic, diplomatic.
107. **drive (something) home** (phrase) - make someone realize, make someone understand, make someone aware of; draw attention to, underline, highlight, emphasize.
108. **peddle** (verb) – to suggest, recommend, promote, present, put forward, advocate, champion (an idea/view) persistently to make people to accept/believe it.
109. **from time to time** (phrase) - sometimes, occasionally, now and again, now and then.
110. **statecraft** (noun) – statesmanship, negotiations/discussions; the skilful management of a country's public affairs.
111. **showdown** (noun) – confrontation, face-off, clash.
112. **low-yield** (noun) – low yield nuclear weapons (bombs) can range from 0.1 kilotons to 10, 20, or 50 kilotons. A low-yield nuclear weapon is equivalent to 1,000 MOABs. That is equivalent to the sizes of bombs dropped by the U.S. over Nagasaki (Fat Man Bomb of about 20 kilotons) and Hiroshima (Little Boy bomb of about 15 kilotons) at the end of World War II.
113. **send a message** (phrase) - make an important statement (directly/indirectly).
114. **conjure up** (phrasal verb) – make something appear, generate, produce, generate (unexpectedly or by magic).
115. **self-fulfilling** (adjective) - certain to happen, inescapable, inalienable, likely, sure.
116. **prophecy** (noun) – prediction, forecast, prognosis, augury.
117. **inherent** (adjective) – intrinsic, innate, built-in, ingrained, deep-rooted.

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