

WORD LIST-1 (MAY 06, 2022)

1. **mind/watch the gap** (phrase) – warning/instruction given (particularly to alert commuter to be aware of the space between the metro train and the platform).
2. **widen** (verb) – increase, swell, enlarge.
3. **widening** (adjective) - increasing, swelling, amplifying, enlarging.
4. **trade deficit** (noun) – a trade deficit (a deficit in the balance of trade) occurs when the value of a country's imports exceeds that of its exports. It is also called a trade gap.
5. **put pressure on** (phrase) - affect something; push for something.
6. **retard** (verb) - delay, slow down, postpone, detain, decelerate.
7. **growth-retarding** (adjective) - relating to something that slows down (or delays or decelerates) growth.
8. **inflation** (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
9. **merchandise** (noun) – goods, commodities, produce, product.
10. **cheer** (noun) – cheerfulness, optimism, confidence, buoyancy, hopefulness.
11. **at first glance** (phrase) - on the face of it, outwardly, apparently.
12. **outward** (adjective) - going out from a place.
13. **expansion** (noun) - increase, growth, development.
14. **outpace** (verb) – surpass, exceed, be more than.
15. **broaden** (verb) – widen, increase, enlarge.
16. **extent** (noun) - degree, scale, level, magnitude, scope.
17. **receipts** (noun) – proceeds, profits, earnings, returns, income, revenue, gain, yield, turn over.
18. **worryingly** (adverb) - unsettlingly, disturbingly, disconcertingly.
19. **breach** (verb) – break, contravene, violate.
20. **rolling** (adjective) - not having a fixed date; rising and falling.
21. **predominantly** (adverb) – mainly, mostly.
22. **crude oil** (noun) – the raw natural resource that is extracted from the earth and refined into products such as gasoline, jet fuel, diesel and other petroleum products.
23. **surge** (verb) – rise or increase suddenly.

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24. **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.
25. **swell** (verb) – increase, rise, enlarge, widen, broaden.
26. **onset** (noun) – start, beginning, arrival.
27. **heatwave** (noun) – (a long period of) hot weather, hotness, humidity.
28. **bolster** (verb) – increase, augment, add to; fortify, strengthen, support, reinforce, buttress.
29. **(power) demand** (noun) – it refers to the maximum amount of electrical power that is being consumed at a given time, as opposed to energy which is the amount of power used over a period of time.
30. **set the pace** (phrase) - lead the way in doing something.
31. **notwithstanding** (preposition) – in spite of, despite, regardless of.
32. **Coal India** (noun) - Coal India Limited (CIL) the state-owned coal mining corporate came into being in November 1975. Coal India Limited is an Indian government-owned coal mining and refining corporation. It is under the ownership of Ministry of Coal, Government of India headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal, India.
33. **timeline** (noun) - schedule, deadline.
34. **be a far cry from** (phrase) - to be entirely different from something.
35. **year-on-year** (adjective) – year over year (for comparison).
36. **decline** (noun) - fall, drop, slump, tumble.
37. **portent** (noun) – sign/indication, forecast, prediction.
38. **overseas** (adjective) – relating to a foreign country.
39. **set to** (phrasal verb) – start doing something vigorously.
40. **have a bearing on** (phrase) - have a relevance, relation or connection to something; have an influence, impact or effect on something.
41. **current account deficit (CAD)** (noun) – the amount by which money relating to trade, investment etc going out of a country is more than the amount coming in.
42. **disconcertingly** (adverb) – unsettlingly, disturbingly, worryingly.
43. **foreign direct investment (FDI)** (noun) – Investment from one country into another (normally by companies rather than governments) that involves establishing operations or acquiring tangible assets, including stakes in other businesses.

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44. **bridge** (verb) - connect, join; overcome, reconcile.
45. **moderation** (noun) – reduction, diminishing, lessening, decrease, contraction.
46. **downward** (adjective) – descending, falling, sinking, sliding, slipping, going down.
47. **considerably** (adverb) – significantly, substantially, markedly, noticeably.
48. **conflict** (noun) – warfare, war, armed conflict, combat, battle.
49. **in turn** (phrase) - successively, sequentially.
50. **potentially** (adverb) – likely, possibly, probably.
51. **thus** (adverb) – like that, in that way, in that manner; therefore, accordingly, hence, as a result, because of that.
52. **trigger** (verb) – cause, produce, bring about, prompt.
53. **vicious cycle/circle** (noun) – a recurring series of events in which bad actions bring about bad results and so on' (whereas virtuous cycle/circle means 'a recurring series of events in which good actions bring about good results and so on').
54. sought past tense of **seek** (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
55. **steady** (verb) - stabilize, balance, fix (at a level).
56. **wild** (adjective) – uncontrolled, unrestrained, out of control, unconstrained.
57. **swing** (noun) – fluctuation, change, shift, switch, variation, oscillation.
58. **dip** (verb) – decrease, fall/drop, slump.
59. **foreign exchange reserves** (noun) – Foreign exchange reserves are the amounts of assets /money in foreign currencies that a country has in its central bank (in India, it is Reserve bank of India).
60. **central bank** (noun) – the banking regulator of a county's banking system. (e.g. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the central bank of India).
61. **draw on** (phrasal verb) – make use of, put to use, use, utilize, deploy.
62. **ease** (verb) – decrease, lessen, reduce, lower.
63. **have one's hands full** (phrase) - to be very busy; to be completely occupied; engaged in, involved in, working at, hard at work.

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64. **battle** (noun) – struggle.
65. **imported inflation** (noun) - when the general price level rises in a country because of the rise in prices of imported commodities, inflation is termed as "imported inflation".
66. **elevated** (adjective) – increased, raised.
67. **stress** (noun) – strain, pressure, tension; trouble, difficulty.
68. **incentive** (noun) – payment or concession; inducement, motivation, stimulus.
69. **strain** (verb) – overburden, exert excessively.
70. **avert** (verb) – prevent, stop, avoid.
71. **estimate** (noun) – rough calculation, approximation, evaluation, estimation, judgement.
72. **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.
73. **optimal** (adjective) – most favourable, optimum, ideal, perfect.
74. **wagon** (noun) – carriage, wagon, compartment.
75. **cannot afford/can ill afford** (phrase) – if you cannot afford to do something, you must prevent it from happening because it would be embarrassing and cause problems (if it happens).
76. **drop/lower/let down one's guard** (phrase) - to relax; to become less careful; to stop being vigilant; to be less alert.
77. **balance of trade (BOT) or trade balance** (noun) - the balance of trade (BOT), also known as the trade balance, refers to the difference between the monetary value of a country's imports and exports over a given time period. A positive trade balance indicates a trade surplus while a negative trade balance indicates a trade deficit.
78. **trade imbalance** (noun) - trade deficit.
79. **imbalance** (noun) – disparity, variation, variance, disproportion, unevenness, lopsidedness.

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