

WORD LIST-1 (MAR 22, 2022)

1. default (adjective) - preferred, favourite, ideal; expected, normal, typical, usual, conventional.
2. retain (verb) – keep, continue.
3. continuity (noun) – stability, constancy, continuance.
4. carry on (phrasal verb) - continue, keep (on), go on, persist.
5. come as a surprise (phrase) – to make someone feel surprised.
6. speculation (noun) – conjecture, supposition, guesswork, opinion.
7. run-up to (noun) – a period of time just before an important event.
8. throw one's hat in the ring (phrase) - to show willingness to take part into a contest or take up a challenge, particularly in politics/business.
9. weather (verb) – survive, withstand, endure, come through, live through.
10. storm (noun) – uproar, commotion, furore, trouble, disturbance, upheaval.
11. weather the storm (phrase) - to handle a very difficult situation without much hurt/damage.
12. run (verb) - manage, administer, direct, control, head, oversee.
13. unlike (adjective) - In contrast to; differently from.
14. dubious (adjective) - suspicious, untrustworthy, unreliable, undependable, questionable.
15. circumstances (noun) - situation, conditions, state of affairs.
16. clear-cut (adjective) – definite, distinct, clear, well defined, precise, specific, explicit.
17. on one's own (phrase) - alone, unaided, all by oneself.
18. besides (preposition) – except, except for, apart from, other than, barring, excluding.
19. electorate (noun) – all the people who entitled to vote in an election.
20. free of (adjective) - unaffected by, clear of, without.
21. shenanigans (plural noun) – deception, double-dealing, dishonesty, cheating, fraudulence.
22. tenure (noun) – term, time, period, stint (in office); incumbency.
23. spirited (adjective) - energetic, active, vigorous, dynamic, dashing, enthusiastic, passionate, fiery, lively.

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24. **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.
25. **secure** (verb) - obtain, acquire, gain, get.
26. **bear fruit** (phrase) – yield/get results, succeed, be effective.
27. **ballast** (noun) – counterweight, counterbalance, counterpoise.
28. **address** (verb) – (formally) talk to, give a talk to, give an address to, speak to, make a speech to, give a discourse to, give an oration to.
29. **need** (noun) - requirement, necessity, want.
30. **literacy** (noun) – the ability to read and write.
31. **indices** plural of **index** (noun) – a data figure reflecting something compared with a standard or base value; pointer, indicator.
32. **Human Development Index (HDI)** (noun) – the measure of a country's health, education, and standard of living and ascertains a nations' average achievement in three basic scales of human development – education, life expectancy, and per capita income.
33. **chronic** (adjective) – constant, continuing, unending, persistent, long-lasting.
34. **concern** (noun) – issue, matter.
35. **recurring** (adjective) – happening or occurring frequently.
36. **conflict** (noun) – fight, confrontation, clash, encounter, hostilities; dispute, quarrel, squabble.
37. **strike** (noun) – protest, revolt, walkout.
38. **blockade** (noun) – barricade, barrier, roadblock; obstacle/impediment.
39. **ticklish** (adjective) – tricky, problematic, controversial.
40. **unpopular** (adjective) – unfamous, unrecognized, disliked, hated.
41. **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, (AFSPA), 1958** (noun) – In simple terms, Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) gives armed forces the power to maintain public order in “disturbed areas”. They have the authority to prohibit a gathering of five or more persons in an area, can use force or even open fire after giving due warning if they feel a person is in contravention of the law. If reasonable suspicion exists, the army can also arrest a person without a warrant; enter or search a premises without a warrant; and ban the possession of firearms.

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42. in the course of – (phrase) – during (the particular time/activity).
43. handily (adverb) – easily, without difficulty.
44. come up (phrasal verb) - arise, present itself, occur, happen.
45. facile (adjective) – simplistic, superficial, oversimplified; effortless, easy, undemanding, unexacting.
46. open up (phrasal verb) – become available; become present; become accessible.
47. beleaguered (adjective) – hard-pressed, troubled, suffering; under pressure, under stress.
48. warm up (phrasal verb) – prepare, practise, get ready, get into condition.
49. extremism (noun) – radicalism, fanaticism, dogmatism.
50. ethnic (adjective) – relating to a population subgroup (cultural, national, traditional/folk) with a common national or cultural tradition.
51. embers (noun) – glowing coal, burning wood; (smoldering/simmering/boiling emotions or feelings).
52. work out (phrasal verb) - devise, formulate, draw up, put together, develop, prepare, construct, arrange.
53. lasting (adjective) – enduring, long-lasting, long-term, permanent.
54. livelihood (noun) – means of making a living with the basic necessities (food, water, shelter and clothing); means of support, subsistence, source of income.
55. in someone's interests (phrase) - of benefit to, to the advantage of, for the sake of, for the benefit of.
56. keep someone on their toes (phrase) - to remain alert and ready to deal with anything might happen.
57. maturely (adverb) - sensibly, responsibly, wisely.

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