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WORD LIST-2 (JAN 19, 2022)

1. **build-up** (noun) – a period of preparation before a significant event; hype, publicity.
2. **mar** (verb) – spoil, ruin, destroy, impair.
3. **run-up** to (noun) – a period of time just before an important event.
4. **sobering** (adjective) – serious/sensible, thoughtful; logical/realistic, pragmatic.
5. **backdrop** (noun) – situation, scenario, context.
6. **unprecedented** (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
7. **bushfire** (noun) - an unplanned & uncontrolled forest fire.
8. **lockdown** (noun) – an emergency protocol implemented by the authorities that prevents people from leaving from a place; An extended state of confinement/encirclement/isolation of a person by the authority.
9. **suffocate** (verb) – stifle, choke; suppress, smother, restrain.
10. **saga** (noun) – chain/series of events; lengthy explanation/statement, lengthy story.
11. **unfold** (verb) – develop, happen, take place, occur, transpire, emerge.
12. **jettison** (verb) – remove, drop, discard, abandon, throw out/away, get rid of.
13. **unvaccinated** (adjective) – not vaccinated to provide immunity against a disease.
14. **inoculation** (noun) – immunization, vaccine, shot.
15. **credit** (verb) - praise, commend, acclaim, acknowledge, admire.
16. **ongoing** (adjective) – current, continuing, unending, relentless.
17. **surge** (noun) – sudden increase or rise of something.
18. **setting** (noun) – position, situation, background, backdrop.
19. **sell** (noun) – disappointment.
20. **drawcard** (noun) - attraction.
21. **fray** (noun) – competition, contest.
22. **Spaniard** (noun) – A native of Spain.

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23. lock horns (with) (phrase) - engage in a competition/contest.
24. take possession of (phrase) - seize, capture, secure, obtain, get hold of.
25. Grand Slam (noun) – it is also referred to as majors, are the world's four most important annual tennis events. The Grand Slam consists of the Australian Open in Melbourne, French Open in Paris, Wimbledon in London, and the U.S Open in New York.
26. Golden Slam (noun) – (In Tennis) the attainment of a player winning all four Grand Slams and an Olympic Gold in a single calendar year.
27. Calendar Grand Slam (noun) – (In Tennis) a calendar Grand Slam is achieved when a player wins four consecutive Grand Slam events in the same calendar year.
28. Down Under (adverb) - in Australia or New Zealand.
29. admission (noun) – acknowledgement, acceptance, recognition, expression, declaration.
30. mojo (noun) – magic power, magic spell, magic formula.
31. erase (verb) - remove, do away with, get rid of.
32. befitting (adjective) – appropriate/suitable.
33. befit (verb) - be appropriate/suitable to.
34. storied (adjective) – famed, fabulous, legendary, celebrated.
35. reigning (adjective) – defending, current.
36. on the other hand (phrase) – as an alternative point of view.
37. boast (noun) – possess, have.
38. incredible (adjective) – impressive, remarkable, extraordinary, outstanding, exceptional.
39. draw (noun) – game.
40. so far (phrase) – until now, up to the present, up to this point.
41. ferocious (adjective) – strong, powerful, fierce.
42. consummate (adjective) - perfect, superb, highly skilled/talented, complete/ultimate.

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43. **abound** (verb) – be in large numbers; be plentiful, be numerous.
44. **counter-puncher** (noun) – (in Tennis) a defensive baseliner who tries to return every ball and relies on the opponent making mistakes.
45. **crafty** (adjective) – clever, shrewd, astute, sharp.
46. **all-courter** (noun) – (in Tennis) a player who can play as a baseliner or serve-and-volleyer.
47. **bless (with)** (verb) – endow, give, provide, grace, entrust, present.
48. **of late** (phrase) – recently, lately, in recent times.
49. **birth** (verb) – have, produce.
50. **string** (noun) - a group/set.
51. **arm (with)** (verb) – provide, equip, furnish.
52. **cannonball serve** (noun) - (in Tennis) a very fast, flat serve.
53. **crushing** (adjective) – embarrassing, humiliating, disconcerting, disappointing.
54. **groundstroke** (noun) - (in Tennis) a forehand or backhand shot that is executed after the ball bounces once on the court.
55. **eclectic** (adjective) – wide-ranging/extensive, comprehensive, broad-based, all-embracing, multidisciplinary.
56. **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on.
57. **pack** (noun) – group.
58. **credentials** (noun) – identities, qualities; achievement, experience, knowledge,
59. **look to** (verb) – rely on, resort to, have recourse to, fall back on, turn to.
60. **veteran** (noun) – (long-serving) expert, seasoned, mature, established/experienced (person in an area of activity).

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