

## WORD LIST-2 (JUN 23, 2023)

1. spiralling (noun) – increasing/decreasing (of something).
2. West Bank (noun) – It is a large amount of land located on the west bank of the River Jordan and bounded by Israel to the north, west, & south and by Jordan to its east. The West Bank has been occupied by Israel since the 1967 Middle East war. It's home to nearly three million Palestinians, and would make up the heart of any Palestinian state.
3. freeze (noun) – an act of keeping something at a fixed state; suspension, hold.
4. settlement (noun) – an uninhabited place where people established a community/colony.
5. raid (verb) – attack, assault, ransack.
6. rampage (noun) – a period of uncontrollable behaviour; rioting, out of control, running amok, going berserk.
7. settler (noun) – colonist, immigrant.
8. escalation (noun) – intensification, aggravation, exacerbation.
9. reminiscent (adjective) – similar to, comparable with, tending to remind; evocative of, suggestive of.
10. counter-attack (noun) – counter-offensive.
11. intifada (noun) – Arabic Word; an uprising of Palestinians against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
12. tighten (verb) – make stricter, make more rigorous, make more stringent, stiffen, toughen.
13. grip (noun) – control, stranglehold, domination (over something).
14. mushroom (verb) – grow/increase rapidly, escalate, snowball, burgeon, skyrocket.
15. resistance (noun) – opposition, confrontation, defiance, fight.
16. resistance movement (noun) – an organized (& armed) group of people that tries to resist the established government or an occupying power, causing disruption and unrest in civil order and stability.
17. carry out (phrasal verb) – conduct, perform, execute.
18. hotbed (noun) – bastion, stronghold; fortress, fort.
19. casualty (noun) – victim, fatality, mortality (people killed in a war).
20. civilian (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
21. militant (noun) – fanatic, extremist, radical, sectarian/partisan.
22. quite some time (phrase) - a long period of time.
23. establish (verb) – create, build, construct, install, set up.

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24. **(border) checkpoint** (noun) – a location on an international border where travelers or goods are inspected and allowed passage through.
25. **criss-cross** (verb) – intersect, converge, connect, join.
26. **organised** (adjective) – coordinated.
27. **deepen** (verb) – grow, intensify, increase.
28. **occupation** (noun) – invasion, seizure, takeover, annexation.
29. **wane** (verb) – decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle gradually.
30. **isolated** (adjective) – exceptional, unusual, abnormal, uncommon.
31. **retaliation** (noun) – vengeance, retribution, revenge.
32. **rain fire** (verb) – to cause destruction/suffering on a person or place, particularly with incessant attacks (e.g. a bombardment of bombs).
33. **fire** (noun) – gunfire, firing, bombing, bombardment.
34. **impunity** (noun) – exemption from punishment, freedom from punishment, immunity, indemnity, non-liability.
35. **divided** (adjective) – separated, split (into parts or groups); in disagreement.
36. **Islamist** (adjective) – relating to a supporter of Islamic fundamentalism.
37. **Hamas** (noun) – Hamas is an Islamist militant group based in Gaza.
38. **Gaza** (noun) – a Palestinian city in the Gaza Strip. Gaza Strip is a self-governing Palestinian territory surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, Israel and Egypt.
39. **Arab world** (noun) – the Arabic-speaking countries; it is the 22 member countries of the League of Arab States.
40. **aspiration** (noun) – aim, ambition, objective, goal, target.
41. **nationhood** (noun) – the fact of being a nation.
42. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
43. **hardly** (adverb) – barely, almost not.
44. **voice** (noun) – opinion, view.
45. **raise your voice** (phrase) - make your opinion/view.
46. **status quo** (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
47. **blockade** (noun) – barricade, close up, block off, shut off, seal, bar.
48. **recipe** (noun) – likely cause of, source of; means/ways (of ensuring something).
49. **freeze** (verb) - keep something at a fixed state; suspend, hold.
50. **dialogue** (noun) – discussion, talks, discourse, exchange of views (to solve a problem).

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