

## WORD LIST-1 (MAR 21, 2022)

1. mount (verb) - increase, rise, intensify, escalate.
2. retain (verb) - keep, maintain, continue, hold on to.
3. certainly (adverb) – surely, definitely, unquestionably.
4. coincidence (noun) – co-occurrence, coexistence, conjunction, simultaneity.
5. string (noun) - series, succession, sequence; a group of.
6. descend on/upon (phrasal verb) - make a sudden visit to (a place or person in large numbers).
7. invasion (noun) – occupation, conquering, capture, seizure, annexation, annexing, takeover.
8. in sight (phrase) – near at hand, close to (being realized); visible, noticeable, conspicuous.
9. summit (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.
10. virtual (adjective) – performing a task with the use of computer, especially over a network.
11. as well as (phrase) - in addition, additionally, moreover.
12. delegation (noun) – a body of representatives.
13. Quad/Quadrilateral (noun) – The ‘Quadrilateral’ is described as four democracies (the United States, Japan, Australia and India) with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
14. 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.
15. ally (noun) – a country/state with an alliance with another one in which they promise to support each other militarily and to defend each other.
16. in common (phrase) - If two or more people have something 'in common', they share the same interests.
17. stand (noun) – stance, point of view, viewpoint, opinion, standpoint, position, perspective, approach.
18. talks (noun) - (formal) negotiations, discussions.

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19. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
20. **make clear** (phrase) – explain, clarify, elucidate.
21. **condone** (verb) – approve, sanction, justify, vindicate, endorse.
22. **the West** (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
23. **count** (noun) - a point for discussion; a point for consideration.
24. **consistently** (adverb) – always, each time, invariably.
25. **abstain** (verb) – not vote, decline to vote, refuse to vote (formally).
26. **resolution** (noun) – a formal decision taken at a meeting with the help of a vote; motion, proposal.
27. **UN resolution** (noun) – United Nations resolution is formal expression of the opinion or will of United Nations organs. It is a decision or declaration voted on by all member states of the United Nations and it usually requires a simple majority (50 percent of all votes plus one) to pass.. Although any UN body can issue resolutions, in practice most resolutions are issued by the Security Council or the General Assembly.
28. **sanctions** (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
29. **regime** (noun) – system; government.
30. **contract** (verb) – undertake, pledge, promise, covenant, commit oneself, engage.
31. **civil** (adjective) - non-military.
32. **flurry** (noun) – spate, series, succession.
33. **comments** (noun) - mention, remark, opinion.
34. **diplomats** (noun) - ambassador, envoy, emissary, attaché.
35. **tension** (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
36. **a point of no return** (phrase) - a crucial point/stage in a course of action beyond which reversal is not possible.
37. **pointed** (adjective) - pertinent, relative, relevant, appropriate, apt, suitable; important, meaningful, significant, sensible; razor-edged.

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38. steer (verb) – guide, conduct, direct/lead.
39. course (noun) – approach, strategy, system, procedure.
40. partnership (noun) - association, union, alliance.
41. interests (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
42. civilian (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
43. toll (noun) – the number of deaths/casualties arising from something (a conflict).
44. targeted (adjective) – intended, focused, identified.
45. acknowledge (verb) – accept, recognize, realize.
46. violation (noun) – contravention, breaking, non-compliance.
47. human rights (noun) – Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.
48. 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).
49. endgame (noun) - the final stage of a game; conclusion, consummation, end.
50. concern (noun) – anxiety, worry, disquiet, apprehension, unease, distress, agitation.
51. warfare (noun) - fighting, war, conflict, armed conflict.
52. United Nations Security Council (UNSC) (noun) – it is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations, charged with ensuring international peace and security.

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53. [Biological Weapons Convention \(BWC\) or Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention \(BTWC\)](#) (noun) – the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning the development, production and stockpiling of an entire category of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons of mass destruction, was opened for signature on 10 April 1972. The BWC entered into force on 26 March 1975.
54. [call out](#) (phrasal verb) – criticize someone for something (bad/incorrect) publicly and ask them to justify/explain it.
55. [violate](#) (verb) – contravene, breach, break, transgress, overstep, not comply with, disobey, defy, flout.
56. [neutral](#) (adjective) – impersonal, unbiased, non-partisan.
57. [abstentionist](#) (adjective) – relating to a person who practices or supports abstention/non-voting.
58. [be seized of something](#) (phrase) - be aware of something; be informed of something.
59. [leading](#) (adjective) - most powerful, most important, most influential.
60. [exercise](#) (verb) - use, employ, make use of, utilize.
61. [strategic autonomy](#) (noun) – the ability of a state (country) to pursue its national interests and adopt its preferred foreign policy without being constrained in any manner by other states (countries). In its pure form, strategic autonomy presupposes the state (country) in question possessing overwhelmingly superior power. This is what would enable that state (country) to resist the pressures that may be exerted by other states (countries) to compel it to change its policy or moderate its interests.

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