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## WORD LIST-2 (JAN 31, 2022)

1. bet (noun) - option, choice, alternative, course of action, plan.
2. diplomatic (adjective) – tactful, sensitive, subtle, delicate; consular, foreign-policy.
3. tensions (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
4. comment (noun) – remark, opinion, view, statement.
5. flurry (noun) – spate, series, succession.
6. de-escalate (verb) – diminish, lessen/decrease, dwindle (the intensity of a conflict).
7. besides (adverb) – in addition, furthermore, moreover, further.
8. set the stage for (phrase) – prepare the circumstances for the beginning of something.
9. talks (noun) – discussion, dialogue, negotiation, meeting.
10. counterpart (noun) – someone or something that has the same job or purpose as another; equivalent, equal, fellow.
11. reportedly (adverb) – supposedly, seemingly, apparently, professedly, ostensibly, purportedly.
12. revive (verb) – bring back, re-establish, restore.
13. stall (verb) – obstruct, block, interrupt, stop, halt, restrict.
14. Minsk (proper noun) – the capital of Belarus.
15. Minsk Protocol/Accord (noun) – the Minsk Protocol (later known as Minsk-1) with the Minsk Memorandum of September 2014 and the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements (Minsk-2) are agreements between Ukraine and Russia to resolve the conflict in eastern Ukraine (eastern Donbass region). The Minsk Protocol (Minsk-1) failed within days of its signing on 5 September, 2014. Four months later Minsk-2 was signed on February 12, 2015 to revive the peace efforts featured by Minsk-1. Minsk-2 is basically a more detailed Minsk-1 agreement. Minsk-2 didn't replace the first agreement, but it was intended to revive the Minsk-1 after its collapse.

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16. sought past tense of seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
17. conflict (noun) – war, armed conflict, battle, fighting.
18. Kiev (proper noun) – the capital of Ukraine.
19. Russia-backed (adjective) – supported by the Russian government.
20. separatist (noun/adjective) – dissident, nonconformist, sectarian.
21. address (verb) – tackle, deal with, attend to, try to sort out.
22. mobilise (verb) – (of resources) bring together for a specific cause.
23. Transnistria (Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic) (noun) – an unrecognised breakaway state located in the narrow strip of land between the river Dniester and the Moldovan–Ukrainian border that is internationally recognised as part of Moldova. Its capital and largest city is Tiraspol.
24. breakaway (noun as modifier) – separatist, secessionist, dissenting, splinter (group/party).
25. the West (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
26. willingness (noun) - readiness, preparedness, disposition, inclination.
27. press ahead/on (verb) – continue, proceed (in one's activity/effort).
28. reciprocity (noun) - exchange, trade-off, swap/switch, return.
29. in a hurry (phrase) – in a rushed/quick/hurried manner.
30. armed (adjective) – using firearms.
31. armed conflict (noun) – warfare, war, fighting, combat.
32. de-escalation (noun) – reduction, lessening, decrease (the intensity of something).
33. contested (adjective) - opposed, disputed.
34. 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.

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35. put/hold a gun to someone's head (phrase) - to pressurize/threaten someone to do something.
36. red line (noun) – boundary, limit.
37. 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.
38. scramble (verb) – struggle, hurry/hasten, rush (to do something to achieve a goal/result).
39. measure (noun) – action, step, procedure.
40. invade (verb) – occupy, conquer, capture, seize, take over; intrude, violate, encroach, infringe, trespass, obtrude.
41. annexation (noun) – conquest, occupation, takeover.
42. Crimea (noun) – a peninsula along the northern coast of the Black Sea in Eastern Europe. The peninsula is almost entirely surrounded by both the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov. The status of Crimea is disputed. It is claimed by Ukraine and in 2014 was recognized as Ukrainian by the United Nations and most other countries, but it is governed by Russia. Russia formally annexed Crimea on 18 March 2014.
43. non-issue (noun) – a subject of no importance.
44. status quo (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
45. missile (noun) – a weapon (capable of self-propelled flight) that is thrown at a target or shot usually by a jet engine or rocket motor.
46. deployment (noun) – the act of employing forces/troops into effective action.
47. exercise (noun) – (military) drill or training.
48. sensitive (adjective) – delicate, subtle, careful, diplomatic, thoughtful; responsive to, quick to respond to, reactive to (slight changes/differences).

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49. opt for (verb) - choose, select, take, decide on.
50. dialogue (noun) – discussion, conversation, talk, exchange of views, discourse.
51. go ahead (phrasal verb) – to proceed, to continue to do something, to start/begin to do something.
52. overrun (verb) – invade, occupy, overwhelm, swamp, spread over (a place in large numbers).
53. adventure (noun) - exploit, deed, feat, experience, event.
54. great power (noun) – a country that has a great international influence, resources, and military strength.
55. clinch (verb) – win, triumph in, achieve success in, be successful in.
56. swift (adjective) – rapid, quick, prompt.
57. miserably (adverb) – terribly.
58. sustain (verb) – continue, carry on, keep up, maintain, bolster up.
59. walk into (phrasal verb) – get involved in something carelessly.
60. thereby (adverb) – as a result of that.
61. the Cold War (noun) – The Cold War was a state of political and military tension after World War II between powers in the Western Bloc (the United States and a group of countries) and powers in the Eastern Bloc (the Soviet Union and a group of countries).
62. cold war (noun) – a state of political and military tension between two countries, especially superpowers (i.e. the U.S. and Russia/U.S. and China).

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