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## **WORD LIST-1 (DEC 20, 2022)**

1. **tangible** (adjective) – real, actual, substantial, definite, well defined; appreciable, perceptible, discernible, visible, noticeable.
2. **outcome** (noun) – result, consequence, conclusion.
3. **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** (noun) – it is the international legal instrument for “the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources” that has been ratified by 196 nations.
4. **biodiversity** (noun) – the existence of a number and variety of species (plants & animals) in a particular geographic region/environment.
5. **convention** (noun) – treaty, agreement, accord, protocol, pact, deal.
6. **a long time away** (phrase) - a long time in the future.
7. **27th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27)** (noun) – The 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was being held from 6 November until 18 November 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The participants include representatives of the 195 member-countries of the UN-COP, business persons, scientists, and members of indigenous and local communities and activists.
8. **climate change** (noun) – a long-term change in the Earth’s climate, or of a region on Earth (Courtesy: NASA).
9. **diplomatic** (adjective) - foreign-policy, consular, ambassadorial, political.
10. **retinue** (noun) - staff, personnel, attendants, companions, associates (who travel with an important person); entourage
11. **go into** (phrasal verb) - begin, undertake, engage in, participate in.
12. **contentious** (adjective) – controversial, argumentative, quarrelsome.
13. **huddle** (noun) - cluster, group, band.
14. **trace** (verb) – find, discover, track down, pursue.
15. **The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** (noun) – The UNFCCC entered into force on 21 March 1994. Today, it has near-universal membership. The 198 countries that have ratified the Convention are called Parties to the Convention. Preventing “dangerous” human interference with the climate system is the ultimate aim of the UNFCCC.

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16. [Rio summit/conference of 1992](#) (noun) - The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the 'Earth Summit', was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3-14 June 1992. This global conference brought together political leaders, diplomats, scientists, representatives of the media and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from 179 countries for a massive effort to focus on the impact of human socio-economic activities on the environment.
17. [summit](#) (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave (international meeting/conference of heads of state/government).
18. [get anywhere](#) (phrase) – to make progress.
19. [not anywhere near](#) (phrase) – not at all, far from.
20. [attention](#) (noun) – observation, notice, heed, scrutiny, attentiveness, consideration.
21. [Conference of the Parties \(COP\)](#) (noun) - The Conference of Parties (COP) is the apex decision-making body of the United Nations Climate Change Framework Convention (UNFCCC). The UNFCCC was formed in 1994 to stabilize the greenhouse gas emissions and to protect the earth from the threat of climate change. COP members have been meeting every year since the year 1995. As of 2022, the number of member countries in the UNFCCC has reached 198. The first conference (COP1) was held in 1995 in Berlin. The 27th session (COP27) was held in 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.
22. [command](#) (verb) - receive, obtain, get, gain, be given.
23. [heads of state](#) (noun) – the leader of a country, for example a president/prime minister.
24. [grandiloquent](#) (adjective) – strained, overwrought, rhetorical.
25. [commitment](#) (noun) – promise, vow, assurance; deal.
26. [largely](#) (adverb) – mostly, mainly, generally.
27. [frame](#) (verb) – formulate, draw up, plan, devise, create, coordinate.
28. [environmentalist](#) (noun) – conservationist, preservationist, eco-activist.
29. [force](#) (noun) - body, group, unit.
30. [capitalism](#) (noun) – an economic system based on private ownership; private enterprise, private ownership.

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31. **inexorably** (adverb) – unstoppably, unavoidably, inescapably, inevitably.
32. **slow-cook** (verb) - to cook slowly over a long period of time.
33. **greenhouse gas** (GHGs) (noun) – heat-trapping gas; a gas (such as water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, etc.) in the atmosphere that absorbs and emits radiation, causing the greenhouse effect and warming of Earth's temperature. (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
34. **renewable energy** (noun) – green/clean energy; energy generated from natural resources (such as water, wind & solar energy).
35. **at the very least** (phrase) – to put it mildly, without any exaggeration.
36. **entrepreneur** (noun) – businessman, businesswoman, business person.
37. **cyclone** (noun) – hurricane, typhoon, tropical storm; depression.
38. **glacier** (noun) – a large body of ice which flows under its own mass. Glaciers are made of layers of compressed snow that move or “flow” due to gravity and the softness of ice relative to rock.
39. **aid** (verb) – assistance.
40. **bring home** (phrase) - to make someone to understand how important or serious something is; emphasize to, stress to, fix deeply in someone's mind.
41. **wrought** (verb) – (old) past and past participle of **work** (verb) – cause, effect.
42. **despite** (preposition) – in spite of, notwithstanding, regardless of.
43. **victim** (noun) – sufferer.
44. **reckon** (verb) - predict, estimate, calculate, gauge, expect.
45. **species** (noun) – a group/breed/family of living organisms (animals & plants) with the individual having the same quality & can breed.
46. **extinction** (noun) – destruction, elimination, eradication, removal (a complete one).
47. **breed** (noun) – a variety/stock of animals.
48. **terrestrial** (adjective) – earthly, worldly, earthbound.
49. **finely** (adjective) – in a serious/sensitive way.
50. **account for** (phrasal verb) – to give a reason or explanation for (something); justify attribute, rationalize, defend; clarify, elucidate, explain.
51. **per capita** (adverb & adjective) – per person, for each; relating to each person.

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52. **carbon emissions** (noun) – Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere; Carbon dioxide is also a greenhouse gas produced as a byproduct of human activities. Burning fossil fuels—coal, oil, and natural gas—is the number one source of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
53. **swing** (noun) – fluctuation, change, shift, switch, variation, oscillation.
54. **evoke** (verb) – draw, give rise to, bring, call forth.
55. **deserve** (verb) - be worthy of, warrant, justify, be entitled to.
56. **in (the) light of** (noun) – taking into consideration, considering, taking into account, bearing in mind, keeping in mind, taking note of, in view of.
57. **stance** (noun) – stand, point of view, position, opinion, standpoint.
58. **proposal** (noun) – plan, motion, proposition, submission, recommendation.
59. **pesticide** (noun) – chemical substances that are meant to kill pests (insects/small animals that damage crops, food, etc.).
60. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
61. **conserve** (verb) - protect, continue, keep up, maintain, uphold, sustain.
62. **anachronistic** (adjective) – antiquated, archaic, antique, ancient; outdated, out of date, outmoded, old-fashioned.
63. **champion** (noun) – supporter, upholder, defender, backer, advocate, adherent.
64. **conservation** (noun) – preservation, protection, careful management (of the natural resources).
65. **harmony** (noun) – unity, solidarity, cooperation, agreement/concord.
66. **tack** (noun) – approach, way, method; course of action, policy.
67. **generous** (adjective) – kind, open-handed, philanthropic, charitable, big-hearted, warm-hearted, good-natured.
68. **dead end** (noun) – deadlock, stalemate, impasse, standstill, stoppage.
69. **definite** (adjective) – clear, precise, unequivocal, categorical, straightforward.
70. **adage** (noun) – saying, proverb, maxim/aphorism.
71. **address** (verb) – tackle, deal with, attend to, try to sort out.
72. **negotiations** (noun) – discussions, talks, dialogue, consultation.
73. **result in** (verb) – cause, lead to, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
74. **quite** (adverb) – rather, somewhat, relatively.
75. **concrete** (adjective) – real, actual, solid, substantial, well defined.
76. **road map** (noun) – plan/strategy to do something successfully.
77. **per annum** (adverb) – (Latin) annually, each year, every year.

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