

WORD LIST-1 (JUN 17, 2023)

1. shifting sands (phrase) – used to refer to something that is constantly changing, especially unexpectedly.
2. front (noun) – a particular sphere of operation; a particular situation.
3. estimate (noun) – rough calculation, estimation, assessment, valuation.
4. harbinger (noun) – indicator, announcer, forerunner.
5. mark (noun) – indicate, represent, signify.
6. successive (adjective) – consecutive, continuous, sequential, succeeding, back to back, straight, in a row, on the trot.
7. contraction (noun) – decline, decrease, reduction.
8. outbound (adjective) – travelling/going out of your home country.
9. barring (preposition) – except, except for, apart from, other than, besides, excluding.
10. year-on-year (adjective) – year over year (for comparison).
11. sequentially (adverb) – in succession, successively, continuously.
12. make up (phrasal verb) – comprise, account for, constitute, compose, form.
13. quarter (noun) – one fourth of something.
14. basket (noun) – a group of something (taxes, investments, commodities, etc.).
15. contract (verb) – decline, decrease, diminish, reduce.
16. largely (adverb) – mostly, mainly, generally.
17. cool (verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen, diminish.
18. sobering (adjective) – serious, sensible, thoughtful; logical/realistic, pragmatic.
19. boom (noun) – a period of rapid (economic) growth; economic upturn; economic upswing.
20. narrow (verb) – reduce, decrease, diminish.
21. steep (adjective) – sharp slope; unreasonably high/low.
22. current account deficit (CAD) (noun) – the amount by which money relating to trade, investment etc going out of a country is more than the amount coming in.
23. amid (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
24. surging (adjective) – increasing/rising (suddenly).

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25. **inelastic** (adjective) – relating to supply/demand or import/export which is unconcerned to changes in price; rigid, unyielding, inflexible, stable.
26. **reversal** (noun) – change, swing, shift, alteration.
27. **accelerate** (verb) – increase, rise, escalate.
28. **receipts** (noun) – proceeds, profits, earnings, returns, income, revenue, gain, yield, turn over.
29. **slowdown** (noun) – economic decline, recession, slump/depression.
30. **hit** (verb) – affect badly, damage, ruin.
31. **infect** (verb) – affect, have an effect on, affect, impact on.
32. **appetite** (noun) – hunger, strong desire, liking.
33. **slash** (verb) – reduce, lower, bring down.
34. **benching** (noun) – it refers to the section of employees who are currently not working on any projects but remain on the job and getting the salary.
35. **recruit** (noun) – new member, new entrant, new employee.
36. **core sector/industries** (noun) – the eight industries comprising electricity, steel, refinery products, crude oil, coal, cement, natural gas and fertilizers are classified as core sector industries.
37. **so far** (phrase) – until now, up to the present, up to this point.
38. **merchandise** (noun) – goods, commodities, produce, product.
39. **trade deficit** (noun) – a trade deficit (a deficit in the balance of trade) occurs when the value of a country's imports exceeds that of its exports. It is also called a trade gap.
40. **revive** (verb) – restore, revitalise, renew, bring back.
41. **cite** (verb) – refer to, mention, bring up, adduce, specify, point to.
42. **World Trade Organization (WTO)** (noun) – an intergovernmental organization that is concerned with the regulation of international trade between nations.
43. **upgrade** (noun) – improvement, betterment, enhancement.
44. **fructify** (verb) – become fruitful, become productive, become effective, bear fruit, yield (positive) results, be successful, pay off.
45. **far from** (phrase) – not, not at all; nowhere near, a long way from.
46. **business as usual** (phrase) – a normal state of affairs, the daily round, routine, a normal pattern.
47. **suffice** (verb) – be enough, be sufficient, be adequate.
48. **fire** (verb) – get going.

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