

EDITORIAL WORDS

LEARNING ENGLISH & IMPROVING VOCABULARY

WORD LIST-2 (OCT 20, 2022)

1. travesty (noun) – misrepresentation, distortion/perversion, poor imitation.
2. probe (noun) – investigation, examination, scrutiny, inspection.
3. panel (noun) – committee, council, commission, advisory group.
4. lapse (noun) – failure, mistake, blunder, oversight.
5. mar (verb) – spoil, ruin, destroy, impair.
6. clean slate (noun) – If you start with a clean slate, you do not factor in previous mistakes or failures.
7. whimsy (noun) – impulse, urge, notion, idea, vagary, inclination.
8. fly in the face of (phrase) – go against, flout, defy, disobey, disregard, ignore; break, violate, contravene, breach.
9. circumstances (noun) – situation, condition.
10. led past participle of lead to (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
11. mandate (verb) – instruct, direct, order, require, make something mandatory.
12. terms of reference (noun) – scope of reference, field of reference; scope, limits, sweep, purview.
13. rest with (phrasal) – to be the responsibility of something; to be the responsibility of someone.
14. preset (adjective) – prearranged, pre-agreed, pre-established, pre-planned, pre-decided.
15. diabolical (adjective) – wicked, shocking, dreadful/terrible.
16. accentuate (verb) – emphasize, underline, bring attention to, underscore, highlight.
17. conspiracy (noun) – (unlawful) plan/plot/script, intrigue, collaboration/deception, collusion.
18. conspiracy theory (noun) – an event or situation that invokes a conspiracy by sinister (criminal/menacing) and powerful groups, often political in motivation.
19. hatch (verb) – conspire (a plot/plan/scheme/script); devise, plan, conceive, formulate, think up.
20. context (noun) – circumstances, conditions, factors, state of affairs; background, situation, backdrop.

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21. opportunism (noun) – expediency, exploitation, taking advantage, pragmatism, realism.
22. find fault with (phrase) – criticize, attack, censure, condemn, complain about.
23. aide (noun) – companion, close friend, confidant, right-hand person.
24. fall short of (phrase) – fail to meet/reach; be deficient/inadequate/insufficient.
25. perplexingly (adjective) – complicatedly, intricately, challengingly.
26. lay with (phrasal verb) – depend on, rest with, up to.
27. culpable (adjective) – guilty, at fault, accountable/responsible for misconduct.
28. damning (adjective) – incriminating, condemnatory, damaging.
29. trail (noun) – path, course, track, route.
30. to the doorstep (phrase) – very near/close to something.
31. on one's doorstep (phrase) – literally meaning “very close to someone”; by extension, it means “as someone's responsibility”.
32. post-facto (adjective) – after a certain event.
33. stint (noun) – spell, period, time, turn, term.
34. out of line (phrase) – not in accordance with something (e.g. constitutional propriety); improper, incorrect, inappropriate.
35. allegation (noun) – charge, accusation, claim, indictment.
36. medical professional (noun) – doctor, physician.
37. in charge of (phrase) – responsible for.
38. conjecture (noun) – surmise, notion, thought, speculation, supposition.
39. glaring (adjective) – evident, flagrant, blatant, obvious.
40. sidestep (verb) – circumvent, avoid, dodge, escape.
41. constitute (verb) – form, create, set up.
42. course (noun) – procedure, direction, plan of action.
43. diagnosis (noun) – the process of identifying a disease, condition, or injury from its signs and symptoms; identification, recognition.
44. cherry-pick (verb) – pick and choose; look at the various things that are on display and select the one you want.
45. deposition (noun) – statement, sworn statement, affidavit, attestation, affirmation.
46. seemingly (adverb) – obviously, palpably, apparently, evidently, supposedly, allegedly, professedly, purportedly, on the face of it.

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47. pre-determined (adjective) – prearranged, preset, pre-planned.
48. narrative (noun) – a representation of a particular situation; portrayal, account, description, statement.
49. peddle (verb) – to suggest, recommend, promote, present, put forward, advocate, champion (an idea/view) persistently to make people to accept/believe it.
50. heap (verb) – accumulate, collect; confer on, give, grant.
51. calumny (noun) – character assassination, defamation (of character), slander, evil-speaking, verbal abuse, smear campaign.
52. respondent (noun) – a person/the party against whom a petition/case is filed.
53. categorically (adverb) – unqualifiedly, unconditionally, unequivocally, absolutely, explicitly, unambiguously, certainly, directly, completely.
54. elaborate (adjective) – detailed, complicated, intricate, complex.
55. unfathomably (adverb) - incomprehensibly, not understandably, confusedly, mystifyingly, mysteriously.
56. contra- (prefix) – against, opposite.
57. render (verb) – give, provide, present, contribute.
58. unqualified (adjective) – ill-equipped, incompetent, unsuitable, insufficient.
59. call (noun) – decision, judgement, or prediction.
60. reek of (verb) – be indicative of something (unpleasant/undesirable).
61. malfeasance (noun) – wrongdoing, misconduct, duplicity, untruthfulness (particularly by a public official).
62. seek (verb) – request, ask for, appeal for; try to obtain, aim, attempt.
63. obligate (verb) – oblige, compel, bind, commit, require.
64. long-drawn-out (adjective) – prolonged, protracted, lengthy, lasting, long-lasting, extended.
65. bury (verb) – hide, cover something completely.

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