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WORD LIST-2 (JAN 18, 2022)

1. red line (noun) – boundary, limit.
2. tension (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
3. find oneself (verb) - discover oneself to be in a particular situation.
4. in a bind (phrase) - in a difficult situation.
5. worsening (adjective) – deteriorating, aggravating, compounding, intensifying.
6. diplomat (noun) – ambassador, envoy, emissary, consul.
7. find a way (phrase) - to discover how to tackle something.
8. de-escalate (verb) – diminish, lessen/decrease, dwindle (the intensity of a conflict).
9. summit (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.
10. solidarity (noun) – unity, unanimity, harmony, cooperation.
11. 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.
12. stop short of (phrase) – shy away from, shrink from, draw back from.
13. concrete (verb) – definite, specific, firm, conclusive, definitive.
14. weight (noun) – burden, pressure, force; influence, sway, muscle, power.
15. coercive (adjective) – overbearing, forceful, intimidating, high-handed.
16. diplomacy (noun) – international politics, foreign affairs, foreign policy; negotiations, discussions, talks, dialogue (related to international politics).
17. keep one eye on (phrase) - oversee, supervise, look after.
18. substantial (adjective) – considerable, significant, large.
19. hardly (adverb) – barely, almost not.
20. difference (noun) – disagreement, difference of opinion, misunderstanding, dispute, argument.
21. One China policy (noun) – The one-China policy, or the ‘One Country, Two Systems’ policy, refers to the diplomatic acknowledgement of China’s position that there is only one Chinese government and Taiwan is an integral part of that. It was originally proposed in the late 1970s by the then Chinese Communist leader Deng Xiaoping.

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22. diplomatic (adjective) – consular, foreign-policy; sensitive, subtle, delicate.
23. development (noun) – turn of events, occurrence, happening, circumstance, incident, phenomenon.
24. coalition (noun) – union, alliance, partnership.
25. underline (verb) – emphasize, underscore, highlight.
26. Soviet Republic (noun) – The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (also known as the USSR or the Soviet Union) consisted of Russia and 14 surrounding countries. The USSR's territory stretched from the Baltic states in Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean, including the majority of northern Asia and portions of central Asia.
27. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
28. unlikely (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
29. alarm (verb) - frighten, distress, agitate, upset.
30. downgrade (verb) – lower in status/rank/importance, demote.
31. recall (verb) – call back, bring back, summon back, order back.
32. ambassador (noun) – envoy, diplomat, consul.
33. blockade (verb) – barrier, obstacle, obstruction, impediment, block, hindrance.
34. strategist (noun) – someone skilled in planning action/policy (especially in politics/war).
35. kill the chicken to scare the monkey (phrase) - it is an old Chinese idiom which refers to making an example out of someone in order to threaten others.
36. contemplate (verb) – think about, consider, regard.
37. salience (noun) – prominence, importance, significance.
38. take forward (phrasal verb) – deal/cope with, address, handle.
39. weigh (verb) – consider, think about, contemplate, deliberate about, reflect on.
40. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.

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41. consideration (noun) – factor, issue, point, concern, aspect, facet, feature.
42. booming (adjective) – flourishing, burgeoning, thriving, prospering, successful; growing, developing, progressing, improving.
43. leverage (noun) – influence, power, authority, weight, sway, control, advantage, dominance.
44. coercion (noun) – force/pressure, oppression, harassment, intimidation.
45. stark (adjective) – clear, distinct, evident, obvious, striking.
46. (in) contrast to (phrase) – in opposition to.
47. eschew (verb) – reject, avoid, deny, abstain from, refrain from.
48. power politics (noun) - (in foreign affairs) the threat or use of force as a means of national policy.
49. hegemony (noun) – leadership, dominance, authority, control, power.
50. matter of concern (phrase) – something which causes worry.
51. trade surplus (noun) – it occurs when the value of a country's exports exceeds that of its imports.
52. surplus (noun) – the amount of an asset or resource that exceeds the portion that's actively utilized.
53. pressing (adjective) – urgent, critical, crucial, burning, desperate, serious.
54. cost (noun) – the effort, loss, or sacrifice required to achieve/obtain something.
55. take on (phrasal verb) - compete against, oppose, challenge, confront, fight.
56. recalibrate (verb) – reevaluate, reassess, revamp.
57. modus vivendi/modi vivendi (noun) – agreement, deal, understanding, settlement (between two conflicting parties); Modus vivendi is a Latin phrase that literally means “mode of living” or “way of life”.

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