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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (DEC 06, 2021)

1. [Omicron variant](#) (noun) – On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the (new coronavirus) variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE). The first known confirmed Omicron infection was from a specimen collected on November 9. In recent weeks, infections in South Africa have increased steeply, coinciding with the detection.
2. [make sense](#) (phrase) – be accepted, be convincing.
3. [onus](#) (noun) – responsibility, duty; burden, liability, obligation.
4. [The \(Global\) South](#) (noun) – the poor developing countries (of Asia, Africa, South America, amongst others).
5. [The \(Global\) North](#) (noun) – the economically developed countries (of Europe, North America, Australia, amongst others).
6. [rationality](#) (noun) – the quality of being consistent with reason/logic; reasonableness, logicity.
7. [course](#) (noun) – plan of action, course of action, method of working.
8. [novel coronavirus \(nCoV\) \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#) (noun) – a new strain (type/variety) coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.
9. [designate](#) (verb) – name, call, label, classify.
10. [variant](#) (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
11. [Variant of Concern \(VoC\)](#) (noun) – A variant for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease (e.g., increased hospitalizations or deaths), significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures.
12. [Variants of Interest \(VoI\)](#) (noun) – A variant with specific genetic markers that have been associated with changes to receptor binding, reduced neutralization by antibodies generated against previous infection or vaccination, reduced efficacy of treatments, potential diagnostic impact, or predicted increase in transmissibility or disease severity.
13. [uncanny](#) (adjective) – mysterious, strange, unnatural, abnormal, weird, bizarre.

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14. pandemic (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
15. unilaterally (adverb) – used to indicate something done by a person/country without approval/agreement from other people/countries involved in the situation.
16. booster dose (noun) – In medical terms, a booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose.
17. vaccination (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
18. irrational (adjective) – unreasonable, illogical, groundless, baseless, unjustifiable.
19. retreat (noun) – withdrawal, pulling back; isolation.
20. susceptible (adjective) – vulnerable, subject to, easily affected by, at risk of.
21. come down (phrasal verb) – decline, decrease, reduce.
22. shot (noun) – injection, inoculation (of a vaccine/drug).
23. genome (noun) – the genetic material (a complete set of DNA, including all of its genes) of an organism. The sum total of the genetic material of a cell or an organism.
24. sequence (noun) – the complete order of compounds/building blocks (nucleotides) of nucleic acids, such as RNA or DNA.
25. genome sequence (noun) – a process that determines the order, or sequence, of the DNA (nucleotides i.e., A, C, G and U) in each of the genes present in the virus's genome.
26. effectiveness (noun) – efficacy, potency, power.
27. nuance (noun) – fine distinction, subtle difference/subtlety/nicety, subtle variation.
28. granularity (noun) – the state/quality of including a lot of small details.
29. ought to (modal verb) – must, should.
30. end up (phrasal verb) – finish up, turn up, come/appear, find oneself (to a particular course of action in the end).
31. mutation (noun) – a significant and basic “alteration/variation” in the DNA sequence.

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32. spike (S) protein (noun) – spike (S) protein is the sole viral membrane protein responsible for coronavirus entry into host cells.
33. transmissibility (noun) – probability of infection given contact between a susceptible and infected individual.
34. immune escape/evasion (noun) – it occurs when the immune system of a host, especially of a human being, is unable to respond to an infectious agent, or in other words that the host's immune system is no longer able to recognize and eliminate a pathogen such as a virus.
35. sub-optimal (adjective) – below the highest standard/level/quality.
36. commensurate (adjective) – appropriate to, corresponding to, in accordance with, in proportion with; equivalent, equal, matching, comparable, proportionate.
37. most if not all (phrase) – almost all, maybe all, a large majority of.
38. bereft of (adjective) – deprived of/stripped of; lacking, deficient in; wanting, in need of.
39. ground reality (noun) – practical condition/situation.
40. in touch (phrase) - in contact, communication, connection.
41. ground zero (noun) – the exact place/area where something is happening practically.
42. the superlative (noun) - An exaggerated expression of praise.
43. hyperbole (noun) – exaggeration, overstatement, magnification, amplification, overplaying.
44. exaggeration (noun) – overstatement, overemphasis, overplaying, magnification, amplification.
45. public health (noun) – the branch of medicine handling public health; public health is also the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities through education, policy making and research for disease and injury prevention.
46. malpractice (noun) – misconduct, wrongdoing, unethical behaviour, unprofessionalism.
47. influential (adjective) – powerful, dominant, strong; important.
48. voice (noun) – opinion, view, comment.
49. echo (verb) – repeat, say again, restate, reiterate.
50. sentiment (noun) – feeling, thought, view, opinion.
51. drown out (verb) – overpower, overwhelm, overcome, override.

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52. unsubstantiated (adjective) – unconfirmed, unproven, unverified.
53. dispel (verb) – eliminate, remove, dismiss.
54. wary (adjective) – cautious, careful, circumspect, alert.
55. in-person (adjective) – relating to an event/class where people/student physically present together.
56. measured (adjective) – thoughtful, careful, carefully chosen, well thought out, calculated, planned.
57. occasional (adjective) – infrequent, periodic, sporadic, random.
58. exception (noun) – anomaly, abnormality, inconsistency, special case; deviation, departure.
59. wisdom (noun) – knowledge, understanding, insight, discernment, perception.
60. administer (verb) – dispense, provide, give, apply (a drug/vaccine).
61. thereafter (adverb) – after that, afterwards, subsequently.
62. ground report (noun) – the report from the ground (a particular area/place where an activity/work really happens).
63. unwilling (adjective) – reluctant, unenthusiastic, enforced, involuntary.
64. budge (verb) - change one's mind, give way, give in, yield, compromise, retract.
65. vaccinate (verb) – inoculate, administer, introduce (with a vaccine to provide immunity against a disease).
66. confound (verb) – baffle, puzzle, perplex, bewilder, mystify, confuse, frustrate, defeat (a plan/aim).
67. ascertain (verb) - find out, discover, come to know, determine, discern, recognize, comprehend.
68. bias (noun) – prejudice, partisanship, favouritism, unfairness, onesidedness.
69. mandatorily (adverb) – compulsorily, necessarily.
70. breakthrough infections (noun) – people getting infections after they are fully vaccinated is when the infections are caused by circulating virus variants, with potential immune escape mechanism, which might reduce the efficacy of vaccines. These are called “vaccine breakthrough infections/cases”.
71. absolute (adjective) – total, entire, complete; definite, decisive, conclusive.

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72. proportionately (adverb) - correspondingly, comparably, commensurately.
73. universal (adjective) – relating to all people, applicable to all; comprehensive, all-inclusive, all-round, across the board.
74. feverish (adjective) – frenzied, hectic, excited, restless, nervous, overwrought, frantic, furious, distracted, hysterical, wild, manic.
75. arrive at (verb) – reach a decision/conclusion; attain, accomplish.
76. sub-tribe (noun) - sub-group.
77. cumulative (adjective) – total, collective, aggregate.
78. characteristic (noun) – quality, attribute, feature, aspect.
79. pose (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a problem or danger or risk).
80. uptake (noun) – the action of taking up something (available/given).
81. relevance (noun) – significance, importance.
82. accompany (verb) – occur with, co-occur with, coincide with, coexist with, go with, go along with, appear with.
83. severity (noun) – seriousness.
84. adherence (noun) – compliance, observance, conformity.
85. resort to (verb) – use, utilize, have recourse to, fall back on, turn to.
86. reflection (noun) – indication, display, demonstration, manifestation.
87. epidemiologist (noun) – an expert in the study of how disease spreads and can be controlled.
88. inference (noun) – conclusion, reasoning, assumption, reckoning.
89. in terms of (phrase) – with regard to, regarding/concerning, in connection with.
90. solidarity (noun) – unity, unanimity, harmony, cooperation.
91. in sight (phrase) – noticeable, recognizable, visible, in view, on display; near at hand.
92. tragic (adjective) - disastrous, calamitous, devastating.
93. tale (noun) – story.
94. dynamic (adjective) – active, powerful, strong, effective.
95. doable (adjective) – feasible, effective, valid, usable, manageable.

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