

WORD LIST-1 (FEB 23, 2022)

1. **recognition** (noun) – (formal) acknowledgement, acceptance, admission (of a statehood).
2. **move** (noun) – tack, manoeuvre, tactic, stratagem.
3. **wrest** (verb) – seize, grab, take (by force/effort).
4. **the West** (noun) – The Western world/civilization consisting of the majority of Europe & the North America.
5. **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.
6. **ratchet** (verb) – increase/rise gradually.
7. **tensions** (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
8. **frenetic** (adjective) – hyperactive, hectic, energetic, intense, furious, confusing.
9. **diplomacy** (noun) – negotiations, discussions, talks, dialogue (related to international politics).
10. **Donbas region** (noun) – a historical, cultural, and economic region in south-eastern Ukraine, some of whose territory (Donetsk and Luhansk) is occupied by two separatist groups in the course of the Russo-Ukrainian War. President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia has recognized the independence of these two separatist regions in Ukraine.
11. **enclave** (noun) – area, region (enclosed within).
12. **oblast** (noun) - an administrative division or region in Russia and the former Soviet Union, and in some Slavic countries.
13. **course** (noun) - direction, way, path, process, plan of action.
14. **diplomatic** (adjective) – tactful, sensitive, subtle, delicate; consular, foreign-policy.
15. **to begin with** (phrase) - at first, at the start, in the beginning.
16. **separatist** (noun/adjective) – dissident, nonconformist, sectarian.
17. **signal** (verb) – indicate, point to, signify.
18. **Minsk** (noun) – the capital of Belarus.

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19. **Minsk Protocol/Accord** (noun) – the Minsk Protocol (later known as Minsk-1) with the Minsk Memorandum of September 2014 and the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements (Minsk-2) are agreements between Ukraine and Russia to resolve the conflict in eastern Ukraine (eastern Donbass region). The Minsk Protocol (Minsk-1) failed within days of its signing on 5 September, 2014. Four months later Minsk-2 was signed on February 12, 2015 to revive the peace efforts featured by Minsk-1. Minsk-2 is basically a more detailed Minsk-1 agreement. Minsk-2 didn't replace the first agreement, but it was intended to revive the Minsk-1 after its collapse.
20. **accord** (noun) – agreement, settlement, treaty, deal; consensus.
21. **peacekeeper** (noun) - arbitrator, conciliator, diplomat, mediator.
22. **spark off** (verb) – bring about, cause, trigger, prompt, set off.
23. **conflict** (noun) - battle, fighting, hostilities, war, warfare.
24. **short of** (phrase) - apart from, other than; less than.
25. **invasion** (noun) – occupation, conquering, capture, seizure, annexation,
26. **ally** (noun) – partner, supporter, confederate.
27. **incur** (verb) - suffer, sustain, experience, bring upon oneself.
28. **hostility** (noun) - fighting, armed conflict, combat, warfare.
29. **put paid to** (phrase) - stop abruptly; destroy.
30. **recede** (verb) - diminish, lessen, decrease, dwindle, abate, subside; retreat, withdraw.
31. **neighbouring** (adjective) – adjacent.
32. **the ball is now in the court** (phrase) - it is now your responsibility or your turn to take action; it is up to you to take action now.
33. **sanctions** (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
34. **escalation** (noun) - rapid increase, intensification, aggravation.
35. **interlocutor** (noun) – a person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation.
36. **The Indo-Pacific region** (noun) – the Indo-Pacific region refers to the confluence (convergence) of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, which interconnect in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and more).

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37. **dominate** (verb) – be the most important thing in something.
38. **in addition** (phrase) - additionally, besides, as well as.
39. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
40. **all the more** (phrase) - much more, even more.
41. **given** (preposition) – considering, taking into consideration, taking into account, in view of, bearing in mind.
42. **S-400 (Triumf) missile defence system** (noun) – Developed by Russia, the S-400 (Triumph/Triumf) air defence system integrates a multifunction radar, autonomous detection and targeting systems, anti-aircraft missile systems, launchers, and command and control centre. It is capable of firing three types of missiles to create a layered defence. The S-400 is capable of destroying incoming hostile aircraft, missiles and even drones within a range of up to 400 km. It has a tracking capability of nearly 600 km.
43. **underway** (adverb) – in progress, under way, going on, continuing, happening, occurring, taking place.
44. **waive** (verb) – drop, disregard, ignore, set aside, forgo.
45. **impose** (verb) - exact, apply, enforce.
46. **Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA)** (noun) – CAATSA is a specifically enacted legislation that aims to prevent revenue from flowing to Russia. This legislation provides for economic and travel sanctions against countries and officials that transacted significant military and intelligence contracts with Russia, North Korea and Iran.
47. **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** (noun) – it is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations, charged with ensuring international peace and security.
48. **appeal** (verb) - ask for, request, make a plea, seek.
49. **de-escalation** (noun) – reduction, lessening, decrease (the intensity of something).
50. **assertion** (noun) – declaration, statement, contention/protestation.
51. **principled** (adjective) – moral, ethical, good, virtuous, righteous, upright, proper, correct, honest.
52. **pragmatism** (noun) – common sense, realism, matter-of-factness.
53. **reflection** (noun) – indication, display, demonstration.

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