

WORD LIST-1 (APR 25, 2022)

1. side-step (verb) – avoid, circumvent, find a way round, bypass, evade, dodge (something problematic).
2. irritant (noun) – something that causes irritation; source of irritation, source of vexation, source of annoyance.
3. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
4. bear/keep something in mind (phrase) – take into account, remember, consider, heed, take into consideration.
5. big picture (noun) - broad overview; wide perspective.
6. 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.
7. combat (verb) – tackle, withstand, stand up to, confront, counter.
8. climate change (noun) – a long-term change in the Earth's climate, or of a region on Earth (Courtesy: NASA).
9. cybersecurity (noun) – the protection of internet-connected systems, including hardware, software, and data from cyber attacks.
10. short on something (phrase) - to have less of something than you should have.
11. early harvest agreement (EHA) (noun) – An interim or early harvest trade agreement is used to liberalise tariffs on the trade of certain goods between two countries or trading blocs before a comprehensive FTA (Free Trade Agreement) is concluded (or) Early harvest agreements are used to open up bilateral trade between two countries on a restricted list of goods and services, primarily as a frontrunner to clinching a more comprehensive FTA.
12. shelve (verb) – postpone, put off, delay, defer, reschedule.
13. free trade agreement (FTA) (noun) – an agreement between two or more countries designed to reduce or eliminate certain barriers to trade and investment, and to facilitate stronger trade and commercial ties between participating countries.
14. double (verb) - increase twofold.
15. bilateral (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
16. delegation (noun) – a group of officials/representatives.

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17. **trade delegation** (noun) – a group of government officials and company executives from a particular country that visits another country to meet similar people in order to discuss about trade & other related things.
18. **on track** (phrase) – on course, on schedule, on target.
19. **sound** (verb) - appear, look, seem.
20. **optimistic** (adjective) – reassuring, favourable, encouraging, promising, hopeful.
21. **fast-track** (verb) – increase or step up the progress of a project.
22. **of concern** (phrase) – If something is of concern to someone, they find it upsetting/worrying & unsatisfactory.
23. **lifting** (noun) – removal, cancellation.
24. **make headway** (phrase) - make progress, gain ground, progress, advance.
25. **flexible** (adjective) – accommodating, adaptable, amenable, willing to compromise, cooperative, tolerant.
26. **strategically** (adverb) – in a way that is designed/planned to serve a particular purpose.
27. **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).
28. **green technology** (noun) – it is also known as clean technology/sustainable technology; it is the application of one or more of environmental technologies to monitor, model and conserve the natural environment and resources, and to curb the negative impacts of human involvement.
29. **technology transfer (TT)** (noun) - transfer of technology (ToT) or teach transfer; a process in which technology or knowledge developed at one organization is transferred to another, typically for the purpose of commercialization. Technology transfer can be accomplished through a variety of methods including licenses to use protected intellectual property, and may also include exchange of know-how and materials.

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30. **climate finance** (noun) – it refers to local, national or transnational financing-drawn from public, private and alternative sources of financing-that seeks to support mitigation and adaptation actions that will address climate change.
31. **Nationally determined contributions (NDCs)** (noun) – NDCs are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of these long-term goals. NDCs embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.
32. **26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)** (noun)
– The 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is expected to take place from 01-12 November 2021, in Glasgow, UK. The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
33. **tread** (verb) – proceed; go, walk.
34. **lightly** (adverb) – softly, gently, delicately.
35. **tread lightly** (phrase) - proceed delicately/carefully.
36. **long-standing** (adjective) – persistent, continuing (for a long time); permanent, long-lasting, enduring, long-term.
37. **stark** (adjective) – sheer, utter, complete, absolute, total, outright.
38. **brush aside** (phrasal verb) - disregard, ignore, dismiss, shrug off, pass over, put aside.
39. **deliberate** (verb) – think about, think over, ponder, consider, contemplate, reflect on, meditate on, ruminate on, mull over, chew over, turn over in one's mind, give thought to,
40. **set up** (phrasal verb) – establish, create, start, begin, initiate, institute.
41. **extremism** (noun) – radicalism, fanaticism, dogmatism.
42. **Khalistanis** (noun) – people who are related/connected to the Khalistan movement (a Sikh separatist movement) seeking to create a homeland for Sikhs by establishing a sovereign state, called Khālistān ('Land of the Khalsa'), in the Punjab region.

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43. **mandate** (noun) – authority, approval, acceptance, ratification, endorsement; instruction, directive, direction, decree, command, order.
44. **seek** (verb) – try, attempt, aim.
45. **incite** (verb) - provoke, agitate, instigate.
46. **press on** (phrasal verb) - to continue doing something.
47. **fugitive** (noun) – a person who has escaped from being confined or imprisoned.
48. **extradite** (verb) – to surrender a fugitive (a person who has escaped from being confined/accused of crime) from one (country's) jurisdiction to another by mutual agreements between the two countries; hand over, deport, banish/expel.
49. **prospects** (noun) – chances, possibilities, expectations, outlook, future.
50. **elbow-grease** (noun) - hard work, work, labour, toil, exertion, effort.
51. **stasis** (noun) – inactivity, sluggishness, idleness/dullness.
52. **concerted** (adjective) – involving a lot of people coming together & doing something with great effort; strenuous, vigorous, energetic, determined, active, intense; coordinated, collaborative, collective, combined, joint.
53. **finale** (noun) – the last part of something (an event).
54. **in the near future** (phrase) – soon, shortly.
55. **ambitious** (adjective) – formidable, difficult, challenging, demanding.
56. **roadmap** (noun) – plan/strategy to do something successfully.
57. **summit** (noun) – meeting, conference, conclave.

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