

WORD LIST-2 (APR 14, 2023)

1. neutral (adjective) – fair-minded, even-handed, non-participating, unaligned, impartial, unbiased, non-partisan.
2. passive (adjective) – inactive, uninvolved, unresponsive.
3. stand (noun) – opinion, position, view point, point of view, perspective, stance.
4. conflict (noun) – war, armed conflict, battle, fighting.
5. pragmatic (adjective) – practical, realistic, sensible, rational, reasonable.
6. invasion (noun) – attack, offensive, onslaught, incursion, assault.
7. Kyiv (proper noun) – Capital of Ukraine.
8. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
9. seek (verb) – ask for, request, appeal for.
10. displeasure (noun) – disappointment, dissatisfaction, disgruntlement, discontent, resentment, grievances, unhappiness.
11. sound (verb) – appear, look, seem.
12. existential (adjective) – relating to existence.
13. aggression (noun) – hostility, belligerence, combativeness, warmongering, hawkishness.
14. naked (adjective) – obvious, open, patent, evident, apparent, manifest, palpable, blatant, glaring, flagrant.
15. violation (noun) – breach, contravention, infringement, breaking, non-observance.
16. sovereignty (noun) – a country's independent authority and the right to govern itself; autonomy, independence, self-government, self-rule, self-legislation, self-determination, self-governance, freedom, liberty.
17. integrity (noun) – unity, unification, wholeness, coherence, cohesion, togetherness, solidarity.
18. trans-Atlantic (adjective) – concerning/relating to countries on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.
19. The Global South (noun) – the poor developing countries (of Asia, Africa, South America, amongst others).
20. The Global North (noun) – the economically developed countries (of Europe, North America, Australia, amongst others).
21. stay away (phrasal verb) – bypass, sidestep, avoid, evade, dodge.

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22. navigate (verb) – guide, direct, steer, handle.
23. maze (noun) – complex network, labyrinth, web, tangle.
24. geopolitics (noun) – the study of the geographical factors (a country's position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources & etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
25. realpolitik (noun) – realistic and practical politics (German word).
26. condemn (verb) – criticize, castigate, lash out, censure.
27. uneasiness (noun) – worry, anguish, distress, concern, disquiet.
28. call for (phrasal verb) – as for, request, require, warrant, demand.
29. drag on (phrase) – continue, persist, linger, carry on.
30. balancing act (noun) – an activity that calls for a delicate balance between different conditions/circumstances.
31. interpret (verb) – understand, construe, take to mean, read, regard.
32. inactiveness (noun) – inactivity, inaction, inertia, dormancy, passivity, apathy, stagnation, dullness, sluggishness, lethargy, idleness, laziness.
33. chair (noun) – chairperson, leader, president.
34. G-20 (noun) – The G20, formed in 1999, is a group of twenty of the world's largest economies that meets regularly to coordinate global policy on trade, health, climate, and other issues. It brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK and USA. The G20 Countries together represent around 90% of global GDP, 80% of global trade, and two thirds of the world's population.
35. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) (noun) – The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai (China). The SCO currently comprises eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and is seen as a counterweight to NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization). It was established as a multilateral association to ensure security and maintain stability across the vast Eurasian region, join forces to counteract emerging challenges and threats, and enhance trade, as well as cultural and humanitarian cooperation.

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36. press (verb) – pressure, urge, pressurize, force.
37. consensus (noun) – an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group, agreement, concurrence.
38. cease (verb) – end, halt, stop.
39. sense (verb) – recognize, notice, discern, observe.
40. play a role (phrase) – contribute to, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
41. broker (verb) – negotiate (a deal/agreement).
42. shy away from (phrasal verb) – avoid, recoil, withdraw nervously (due to fear/surprise/pain).
43. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
44. neutrality (noun) – non-alignment, non-participation, non-involvement.
45. run its course (phrase) – come to an end, cease to exist, draw to a close, fade away, vanish, disappear.
46. empathise (verb) – understand, relate to, feel for, have insight into, sympathize.
47. vocally (adverb) – clearly, distinctly, vociferously, outspokenly.
48. interest (noun) – common concerns (in politics/business).
49. uphold (verb) – confirm, stand by, justify, endorse/approve, vindicate/validate.

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