

WORD LIST-2 (MAR 01, 2023)

1. Brexit (noun) – a term used for the (supposed) departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union.
2. Irish backstop/Northern Ireland protocol (noun) – During withdrawal negotiations the EU and UK agreed a Northern Ireland Protocol that there would be no new checks on goods crossing the border between Northern Ireland (NI) (which is part of the United Kingdom) and the Republic of Ireland (ROI) which remains part of the EU. Both sides agreed that protecting the 1998 Good Friday Agreement was a priority. This meant keeping the land border open, and instead created a trade border along the Irish Sea instead. As a result of the protocol, NI has in effect remained in the EU's single market for goods (England, Scotland and Wales have left the EU's single market for goods).
3. protocol (noun) – agreement, treaty, pact, compact.
4. framework (noun) – structure, system organization.
5. Windsor framework (noun) - The 'Windsor Framework' will replace the Northern Ireland Protocol, which had proved to be among the thorniest (problematic) of Brexit fall-outs, creating problems both economic and political. This framework has two crucial aspects – the introduction of a green lane and red lane system for goods that will stay in Northern Ireland and those that will go to the EU respectively; and the 'Stormont Brake', which allows Northern Ireland lawmakers and London to veto any EU regulation they believe affects the region adversely.
6. ties (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
7. pave the way for (phrase) – clear the way for, make preparations for, put things in order for.
8. modality (noun) – a particular method or procedure.
9. Brussels (proper noun) – The capital of Belgium; The headquarters of the NATO; The headquarters of the European Union.
10. seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
11. address (verb) – tackle, deal with, attend to, try to sort out.

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12. **EU single market** (noun) - The EU single market ensures free movement of goods, services, capital and persons within the EU.
13. **customs** (noun) - the government department that deals with taxes on goods coming into and leaving a country.
14. **hammer out** (phrasal verb) – produce, bring about, forge, develop (a plan/agreement) after a lot of work.
15. **Unionist** (noun) – a member of a Northern Ireland political party, who is in support of the unification of Northern Ireland with Great Britain.
16. **institution** (noun) – association, group, federation, alliance, consortium.
17. **Good Friday Accord/Agreement** (noun) – Belfast Agreement; This agreement (signed on 10 April 1998) helped to bring to an end a period of conflict in the region called the Troubles (of Northern Ireland as part of the UK, and the Republic of Ireland as a separate country).
18. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.
19. **free trade** (noun) – a policy to eliminate barriers/limits/regulations against imports and exports.
20. **preserve** (verb) - protect, defend, maintain, taken care of.
21. **set up** (phrasal verb) – create, start, begin, initiate.
22. **lane** (noun) – road, track, way, path.
23. **in theory** (phrase) – in principle, hypothetically.
24. **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on.
25. **sovereignty** (noun) – autonomy, independence, self rule.
26. **far from** (phrase) – not, not at all; nowhere near, a long way from.
27. **face** (verb) – be faced with, encounter, experience.
28. **backlash** (noun) – a strong negative reaction; adverse response, counteraction.
29. **hard-line** (adjective) – uncompromising, strict, diehard, extreme, tough, inflexible.
30. **brexiteer** (noun) – who person who supports Brexit, the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union.

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31. **Stormont brake** (noun) - “The new Stormont Brake means the democratically elected Northern Ireland Assembly can oppose new EU goods rules that would have significant and lasting effects on everyday lives in Northern Ireland,” says the government. For this, they will need the support of 30 members from at least two parties. The British government can then veto the law.
32. **measure** (noun) – action, step, procedure.
33. **devolved** (adjective) - delegated, transferred, assigned (of a duty, responsibility, etc. to or upon another).
34. **expeditiously** (adverb) – effectively, practically, sensibly, timely, desirably; conveniently, applicably, appropriately.
35. **halt** (verb) – stop, discontinue, end.
36. **impose** (verb) - apply, implement, enforce, force.
37. **province** (noun) – territory, region, district, area.
38. **nonetheless** (adverb) - in spite of that, anyway, nevertheless, even so.
39. **veto** (noun) – a right/power to reject a decision/proposal; rejection, dismissal, denial, ban, prohibition.
40. **tip** (verb) - tilt, slant, incline.
41. **tilt the scales/balance** (phrase) – to change the balance of a situation, so that one side is gaining advantage.
42. **in terms of** (phrase) – with regard to, regarding/concerning, in connection with.
43. **come down to** (phrasal verb) – if a complicated situation or problem comes down to something, that is the single most important thing/factor.
44. **Republican** (noun) – a supporter/advocate of a united Ireland (Republic of Ireland & Northern Ireland).
45. **pragmatic** (adjective) – practical, realistic, sensible, rational, reasonable.
46. **compromise** (noun) – agreement, understanding, settlement, middle ground, deal.
47. **perhaps** (adverb) – maybe, possibly.
48. **go far** (phrase) - be successful, succeed, achieve a great deal.

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49. farthest (superlative adverb) of far (adverb) - a long way, afar.
50. conservative/Tory (noun) – a supporter of the Conservative Party. The main right-wing political party in the United Kingdom.
51. Conservative Party/Tory Party (noun) – this is one of the two main political parties in the United Kingdom, along with the Labour Party which is traditionally left-wing.
52. arrive at (phrasal verb) - to reach something.
53. on the ground (phrase) – in a situation/place where things are happening really/practically.
54. grounds (noun) – reason, cause, basis.
55. uphold (verb) – confirm, endorse/approve, vindicate/validate.
56. obligation (noun) – responsibility, liability, duty, burden.
57. specifics (noun) – (precise) details, niceties, subtleties, (finer) points, particulars.
58. potential (adjective) – possible, likely, probable.
59. wrinkle (noun) – difficulty, snag, obstacle/drawback.
60. front (noun) – an organized (political) group (OR) a particular situation.
61. iron out (phrasal verb) – resolve, settle, set right.
62. herald (verb) – signal, indicate, foretell, point to, announce, spell, usher in.
63. wary (adjective) - careful, aware, heedful, attentive, circumspect.
64. pervade (verb) – fill, spread through; be present throughout.

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