

## WORD LIST-2 (APR 17, 2023)

1. **whistle-blower** (noun) – one who reveals others' illegal activities in public or to the government/authority.
2. **Pentagon** (noun) – the headquarters building of the United States Department of Defense, near Washington, DC. Pentagon is a metonym of “the United States Department of Defense”. (Metonym is used as an alternative for something else with which it is closely related/associated).
3. **fuel** (verb) – intensify, exacerbate, inflame, stimulate, exacerbate.
4. **insecurity** (noun) – vulnerability, defencelessness, unguardedness, lack of protection.
5. **ally** (noun) – a country/state with an alliance with another one in which they promise to support each other militarily and to defend each other.
6. **federal** (adjective) – relating to a system of government in which establishments such as states or provinces share power with a national government.
7. **authorities** (noun) – officials, officialdom, the people in charge, the government, the bureaucracy.
8. **Air National Guard** (noun) - The Air National Guard is administered by the National Guard Bureau, a joint bureau of the departments of the Army and Air Force, located in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The Air National Guard has both a federal and state mission.
9. **classified** (adjective) – (officially) confidential, private, personal, intimate, secret.
10. **analyst** (noun) - critic, observer, commentator.
11. **expose** (verb) – reveal, lay bare, disclose, uncover, display.
12. **potentially** (adverb) – possibly, maybe.
13. **undermine** (verb) – weaken, subvert, sabotage, damage.
14. **Kyiv** (proper noun) – Capital of Ukraine.
15. **invasion** (noun) – attack, offensive, onslaught, incursion, assault.
16. **push back** (phrasal verb) - repel, repulse, force back, beat back, drive back/away, fend off.

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17. **flutter** (noun) - a state of sensation, a state of excitement, a state of interest, a state of confusion, a state of agitation, a state of panic, a state of nervousness.
18. **administration** (noun) – government, regime.
19. **unflattering** (adjective) – unattractive, unfavourable, harsh, critical, attacking, disapproving.
20. **compromise** (verb) – undermine, weaken, damage.
21. **owing to** (phrase) - because of, due to, on account of, as a result of.
22. **missile** (noun) – a self-propelled/rocket-propelled weapon designed to deliver a conventional/nuclear explosive warhead with great accuracy at high speed; projectile.
23. **tactical** (adjective) – strategic
24. **element of surprise** (phrase) – the unexpected or surprising nature of something.
25. **forces** (noun) – troops; armed forces, soldiers.
26. **speak of** (phrasal verb) – mention, talk about, discuss, refer to, remark/comment.
27. **embattled** (adjective) – (relating to something) troubled by problems or difficulties.
28. **offensive** (noun) – attack, invasion, onslaught, incursion, assault.
29. **counter-offensive** (noun) – counter-attack.
30. **beat back** (phrasal verb) - repel, repulse, force back, push back, drive back/away, fend off.
31. **brigade** (noun) – a unit of the army; battalion, regiment, contingent.
32. **explicit** (adjective) - clear, categorical, well defined.
33. **propagandistic** (noun) - relating to propaganda.
34. **propaganda** (noun) – the (deliberate & systemic) spreading of information (facts, ideas, rumours or lies) to influence public opinion.
35. **join the dots** (phrase) – put various things together to see the whole picture.
36. **paint a picture of** (phrase) - to describe something in a specific way; tell, narrate, outline, portray, depict.

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37. **discredit** (verb) – disgrace, devalue, accuse, denounce, stigmatize, dishonor, disparage, reflect badly on.
38. **show up someone in a bad light** (phrase) – to make someone appear to be a bad one.
39. **in a bad light** (phrase) – in a method that makes someone or something to look bad; so as to give bad impression.
40. **misplaced** (adjective) – misguided, misconceived, ill-advised, ill-considered, ill-judged.
41. **lack** (verb) – be without, require, be in need of.
42. **moral** (adjective) – relating to beliefs/principles about what is right (prudent/wise) or wrong (imprudent/unwise).
43. **underpinning** (noun) – solid base, main support, foundation, basis.
44. **WikiLeaks** (noun) – an international non-profit organisation that publishes news leaks and classified media provided by anonymous sources.
45. **National Security Agency (NSA)** (noun) – U.S. intelligence agency within the Department of Defense that is responsible for cryptographic and communications intelligence and security.
46. **surveillance** (noun) – monitoring, observation, scrutiny, inspection.
47. **exposé** (noun) – revelation, disclosure, report, exposure, uncovering.
48. **bid** (noun) – attempt, effort, endeavour/try.
49. **highlight** (verb) – emphasize, underline, underscore, draw attention to.
50. **excesses** (noun) – uncontrolled behaviour; unrestricted conduct; extreme, violent actions which are unacceptable.
51. **spur** (verb) – prompt, stimulate, encourage, galvanize.
52. **human rights** (noun) – human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status.
53. **context** (noun) – conditions, circumstances, situation, background.
54. **led** past participle of **lead to** (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
55. **introspection** (noun) – self-observation, self-analysis; contemplation.

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56. transparency (noun) – clarity, straightforwardness, openness, honesty, unambiguity.
57. contrarily (adverb) – in a conflicting manner; to the contrary, against, conversely.
58. of the sort (adverb) – like the thing mentioned.
59. dialogue (noun) – talks, discussion, discourse, debate, negotiation, deliberation, consultation.
60. bring about (phrasal verb) - introduce, cause, bring in, create.
61. transparency (noun) – clarity, straightforwardness, openness, honesty, unambiguity.
62. contrarily (adverb) – in a conflicting manner.
63. hobble (verb) – restrict/control/limit the activity or development of something.
64. strategy (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
65. fight off (phrasal verb) – resist, withstand, stand up to, square up to, fight against, hold out.
66. espionage (noun) - the act of spying; obtaining secret or confidential (political or military) information of a country and/or disclosing it without the permission of that country; undercover work, infiltration, counter-intelligence.
67. critical (adjective) – urgent, crucial, important, pressing.
68. White House (noun) – The White House is where the President and First Family of the United States live and work — but it's also the People's House, where we hope all Americans feel a sense of inclusion and belonging.

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