

ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (MAY 29, 2023)

1. **belligerence** (noun) – hostility, aggression, combativeness, warmongering, hawkishness.
2. **unsettling** (adjective) – upsetting, discomfiting, disconcerting, disturbing, disquieting, troubling.
3. **breakdown** (noun) – failure, collapse.
4. **catastrophic** (adjective) – destructive, ruinous, disastrous, devastating.
5. **set alarm bells ringing** (phrase) - to make someone feel distressed/concerned about something.
6. **trade war/tariff war** (noun) – a condition in which a country increases tariffs on foreign goods and imposes quota restrictions to restrict other countries' trade.
7. **morph into** (verb) – change, transform, alter.
8. **draconian** (adjective) – (of laws or punishments) extremely harsh, severe, strict, stringent, tough, oppressive.
9. **hobble** (verb) – restrict/control/limit the activity or development of something.
10. **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).
11. **shore up** (phrasal verb) – support, help, assist someone/something from ; bolster up, buttress, strengthen, fortify, reinforce, underpin something from decline.
12. **quasi-** (combining form) – supposed, seeming, alleged, ostensible, purported, nominal, so-called.
13. **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.
14. **cement** (verb) - attach, secure, join, connect, bond.
15. **stop it on its tracks** (phrase) - prevent something from continuing.
16. **detente** (noun) – restoration of harmony, agreement, compromise/understanding. **G-7 or Group of Seven** (noun) – a multilateral forum made up of the world's seven largest so-called developed countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. They meet annually to discuss and exchange ideas on a broad range of issues, including global economy, security and energy.

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18. put forward (phrasal verb) - present, propose, produce, submit.
19. coercion (noun) – force/pressure, compulsion, enforcement, demand, constraint, oppression, harassment, intimidation.
20. militarisation (noun) – the act of making something similar to armed forces. the process of equipping something (an organisation/etc) with military forces/resources.
21. thaw (noun) – an increase in friendliness.
22. jostle (verb) – compete, battle, struggle, scramble.
23. bring to the fore (phrase) – to become obvious, to become visible, to become noticeable (to public attention); bring into a position of importance; (bring) into a prominent position.
24. consensus (noun) – an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group, agreement, concurrence.
25. hegemony (noun) – leadership, dominance, authority, control, power.
26. free market (noun) – a type of economy that is controlled by the market forces of supply and demand, with little to no control or involvement from any central government agency.
27. world/international/global order (noun) – the arrangement of power and authority that provides the system for the conduct of diplomacy and world politics in relation to the entire world.
28. in a sense (phrase) - apparently, probably; from a point of view.
29. go rogue (phrase) - to behave in an erratic or dangerous, uncontrolled way (that ignores rules, norms, or expectations).
30. turn something on its head (phrase) - to change the basis/nature of something (idea, fact, argument, etc.) completely.
31. protectionism (noun) – the use of tariff and non-tariff restrictions on imports to protect domestic producers from foreign competition.
32. 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.

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33. [dress down](#) (phrasal verb) - reprimand, rebuke, admonish, reprove, criticize, castigate, censure.
34. [communiqué](#) (noun) – official communication, official announcement message, statement, report, press release, bulletin, missive, advisory.
35. [vassal](#) (noun) – subordinate, deputy, assistant, aide.
36. [the tip of the iceberg](#) (phrase) – if something is the tip of the iceberg, it is a small part of a much larger issue. This phrase is being used while talking about a problem.
37. [artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#) (noun) – an area of computer science that deals with giving machines the ability to seem like they have human intelligence (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
38. [resent](#) (verb) – begrudge, take offence at, be angry at, dislike.
39. [game of chicken](#) (phrase) – a competitive situation in which neither of the two contesting people wants to withdraw (back down) or let other win, even though not withdrawing can be very dangerous/harmful.
40. [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.
41. [feed into](#) (verb) – contribute to.
42. [erroneous](#) (adjective) – wrong, incorrect, inaccurate.
43. [gut](#) (verb) - destroy, ruin, wreck, demolish.
44. [impoverish](#) (verb) - weaken, exhaust, drain, diminish, deplete.
45. [enrich](#) (verb) – improve, enhance, augment, make richer.
46. [the well off](#) (noun) - rich, affluent, wealthy person.
47. [fiddle around with](#) (phrasal verb) - to keep making small changes to something, as you are not having satisfaction with it.
48. [entitlement](#) (noun) – a government scheme that provides benefits to any individual meeting certain eligibility requirements.
49. [ills](#) (plural noun) - problems, troubles, difficulties.
50. [nuance](#) (noun) – fine distinction, subtle difference/subtlety/nicety, subtle variation.
51. [hawk](#) (noun) – a person who supports an aggressive or warlike policy, (in external/foreign affairs).

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52. [U.S. Congress](#) (noun) – legislative assembly, parliament; The United States Congress is the bicameral (two chambers) legislature of the federal government of the United States, and consists of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate.
53. [hegemon](#) (noun) – super power, major power.
54. [by far](#) (phrase) - undoubtedly, doubtlessly, without question.
55. [diplomacy](#) (noun) – international politics, foreign affairs, foreign policy; negotiations, discussions, talks, dialogue (related to international politics).
56. [adversary](#) (noun) - opponent, rival, contender, competitor.
57. [echo chamber](#) (noun) – an environment/situation where a person only encounters information or opinions that reflect and reinforce their own.
58. [think tank](#) (noun) – Think tank is a panel of experts who provide advice and ideas on political, social or economic issues.
59. [estrangement](#) (noun) - division, split, separation, break.
60. [revel in](#) (phrasal verb) - enjoy, delight in, take pleasure in, relish, rejoice, savour, bask in.
61. [Line of Actual Control \(LAC\)](#) (noun) – the de-facto (effective) border between India and China. The LAC is a 4,057-km border running through three areas-Western (Ladakh, Ladakh (Kashmir)), middle (Uttarakhand, Himachal) and eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal).

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