

WORD LIST-1 (JUL 02, 2022)

1. **tame** (verb) - control, master, bring to heel, overcome, get the better of, get a grip on.
2. **change of guard** (phrase) – It used to refer to a situation in which there is a (dramatic) change in which new people are replacing people (existing) in positions of importance.
3. **deflect** (verb) – divert, avert, change course, change direction.
4. **defection** (noun) – an act of changing allegiances/loyalties/sides, desertion, absconding, decamping.
5. **identity** (noun) – identification, recognition.
6. **nail-biting** (adjective) – nerve-racking, stressful, anxious, worrying, concerning, strained, worrisome, difficult.
7. **script** (noun) – screenplay, storyline, plot.
8. **concede** (verb) – cede, hand over, yield, give up, relinquish.
9. **revolt** (noun) – rebellion, protest, strike, act of resistance/defiance; disobedience, dissent, nonconformity.
10. **unseat** (verb) – oust, remove from office, topple, overthrow, bring down.
11. **settle for** (verb) – accept, agree to, accede to (something unsatisfactorily).
12. **churn** (noun) – disorder/disorganization, confusion, disruption/chaos.
13. **alliance** (noun) – coalition, association, union, partnership.
14. **crass** (adjective) – very stupid, insensitive, mindless, rude, uncivilized, impolite (and not caring other people's emotions/feelings); gross, total, complete, outright, thorough, blatant.
15. **opportunism** (noun) – expediency, exploitation, taking advantage, pragmatism, realism.
16. **turn out** (phrasal verb) – happen, occur, come about, transpire, develop.
17. **turmoil** (noun) – disorder, turbulence, confusion, trouble, chaos.
18. **daring** (noun) – confidence, boldness, audacity, temerity.
19. **trigger** (verb) – activate, set off, spark off.
20. **provincialism** (noun) – narrow-mindedness, parochialism, localism, small-mindedness, sightedness, myopia, intolerance.
21. **counter** (noun) – something that is opposing/preventing something else.
22. **totalising** (adjective) – treating something as having one character/principle.

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23. (the) unravelling (noun) – fail, collapse, disintegration.
24. ideology (noun) – a system of belief, set of principles.
25. back (verb) – support, favour, endorse, sanction, approve, uphold.
26. instrument (noun) – apparatus, mechanism, means, medium, vehicle.
27. state power (noun) – the capacity of a state to regulate behaviours and enforce order within its territory.
28. mobilise (verb) – (of resources) bring together for a specific cause.
29. railroad (verb) – force someone into doing something or pressurize something to happen hurriedly & wrongfully; coerce, force, compel, pressure, pressurize.
30. sabotage (noun) – damage or destruction of something deliberately; (intentional/deliberate) disruption, spoiling, ruining, wrecking, undermining, impairment.
31. credible (adjective) – trustworthy, reliable, dependable; believable, plausible, reasonable.
32. defence (noun) – a means of protecting something; protection.
33. bonding (adjective) – joining, connecting, establishing (relationship with someone having shared feelings/interests).
34. uphold (verb) – confirm, endorse/approve, vindicate/validate.
35. will (noun) – decision, choice, preference.
36. fidelity (noun) – faithfulness, loyalty, allegiance, attachment, closeness; devotion, adherence; dependability, reliability.
37. demeanour (noun) – behaviour, conduct, attitude, manner, appearance, bearing.
38. inclusive (adjective) – broad-based, common, all-embracing.
39. image (noun) – public perception/conception, public impression, persona, profile, face, identity.
40. command (verb) – get, gain, obtain, secure.
41. chutzpah (noun) – audacity, guts, nerve, boldness, self-confidence, temerity.
42. remake (verb) – improve, reengineer, make better, mend, rectify, correct.
43. assumption (noun) – premise, belief, expectation.

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44. [reengineer](#) (verb) – reorganize something (an organization/party) in order to improve its efficiency.
45. [benign](#) (adjective) – considerate, thoughtful, helpful; agreeable, favourable, advantageous, beneficial.
46. [outfit](#) (noun) – party, organization, group.
47. [misplaced](#) (adjective) – misguided, misconceived, ill-advised, ill-considered, ill-judged.
48. [resentment](#) (noun) – bitterness, indignation, hostility, antipathy, antagonism, enmity, dissatisfaction, discontentment.
49. [bubble up](#) (verb) – (of emotions/feelings) intensify, increase, raise.
50. [under someone's nose](#) (phrase) – something happens right in front of someone, but that person is not seeing it or even if that person sees it, could not do anything to prevent it from happening.
51. [episode](#) (noun) – a group of events; incident, event, affair, occurrence.
52. [play the long game](#) (phrase) – follow a long-term strategy; it also refers to active participation in achieving goals which may take some time.
53. [patriarch](#) (noun) – a powerful & eldest male head of a family or an organisation or a social system.
54. [passing](#) (noun) – demise, death, passing away.
55. [upper hand](#) (noun) – a dominating position.
56. [roll out](#) (phrasal verb) – start, begin, embark on, usher in (something officially).
57. [reinforce](#) (verb) – strengthen, support, make stronger, bolster, buttress.
58. [temper](#) (verb) – moderate, tone down, mitigate, decrease, lessen.
59. [scion](#) (noun) – heir, successor, descendant, next in line.
60. [harness](#) (verb) – utilize, use, make use of, put to use, capitalize on.
61. [topple](#) (verb) – remove, unseat, oust, bring down.
62. [faction](#) (noun) – bloc, camp, group, side.
63. [bruise](#) (verb) – upset, insult, affront, hurt.
64. [cadre](#) (noun) – members of a (political) group.
65. [hold someone in high regard/esteem](#) (phrase) - have great respect for.

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66. dissipate (verb) – disappear, vanish, disintegrate, dissolve, scatter.
67. dissolve (into) (verb) – change gradually to.
68. concession (noun) – handover, sacrifice, yielding, giving up, ceding, relinquishment, surrender.
69. altruism (noun) – selflessness and concern for the well-being of others. Those who possess this quality typically put others first and truly care about the people around them, whether they have a personal tie to them or not; unselfishness, compassion, generosity, humanitarianism.
70. cold (adjective) – objective, impersonal, unemotional, unfeeling, unsentimental, dispassionate, aloof.
71. strategy (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
72. potential (adjective) – possible, likely, probable.
73. saga (noun) – a series of incidents.
74. play out (phrasal verb) – happen, occur, take place, come about, transpire.

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