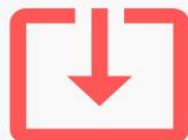


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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
prohibitively	in a way that forbids or prevents something
daunting	seeming difficult to deal with in anticipation
explicit	stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
immunisation	A process whereby a person is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically by the administration of a vaccine.
vulnerable	susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm
inoculated	treat (a person or animal) with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease
laudable	deserving praise and commendation
paucity	the presence of something only in small or insufficient quantities or amounts
blunted	weakened
protracted	lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
majoritarian	governed by or believing in decision by a majority
ineffectual	not producing any or the desired effect
resonance	a quality of evoking response
reiterate	say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity
envisage	contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event
devolution	the transfer or delegation of power to a lower level
Roll back	to cause to retreat or withdraw
trajectory	a progress resembling a curve
scepticism	an attitude of doubt
approbation	approval or praise

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Salutary	(especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects
Retrospective legislation	legislation that operates on matters taking place before its enactment, e.g. by penalising conduct that was lawful when it occurred
protracted	longer than expected or usual
perverse	showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, often in spite of the consequences
erstwhile	former
fraught	filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable)
recourse	a source of help in a difficult situation
pyrrhic	won at too great a cost to have been worthwhile for the victor
wariness	caution about possible dangers or problems
bruisingly	hurtfully

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Fill in	to do someone else's work for them because they cannot or will not do it themselves
stifle	to prevent something from continuing
Clip the wings of	Restrain or reduce someone's freedom
battered	old and damaged, or hurt
onerous	involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome
inducement	a thing that persuades or influences someone to do something
touchstone	a standard or criterion by which something is judged or recognized
aversion	a strong dislike or disinclination
paranoia	an extreme and unreasonable feeling that other people do not like you or are going to harm or criticize you
throwing the baby out with the bathwater	discard something valuable along with other things that are undesirable

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
abound	exist in large numbers or amounts
sagacious	having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment
In the offing	likely to happen or appear soon
accountable	required or expected to justify actions or decisions
polarising	divide or cause to divide into two sharply contrasting groups or sets of opinions or beliefs
amplified	to increase the effect of something
fanciful	overimaginative and unrealistic
incendiary	tending to stir up conflict
throttling	to prevent something from succeeding
euphemism	a polite word or phrase that is used to avoid saying something embarrassing or offensive

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
At the forefront of	If you are at the forefront of a campaign or other activity, you have a leading and influential position in it
staking	mark an area with stakes so as to claim ownership of it
multilateral	agreed upon or participated in by three or more parties, especially the governments of different countries
crux	the decisive or most important point at issue
polarisation	division into two sharply contrasting groups or sets of opinions or beliefs.:
heeded	pay attention to
dysfunctional	not operating normally or properly
rollover	extend
veto	a constitutional right to reject a decision or proposal made by a law-making body
instil	gradually but firmly establish (an idea or attitude, especially a desirable one)

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Point of order	a query in a formal debate or meeting as to whether correct procedure is being followed
abridge	curtail (a right or privilege)
unprecedented	never done or known before
brazenness	behaviour in which someone does something in a very obvious way, without trying to hide it
unambiguous	not open to more than one interpretation
disingenuous	not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does
din	a loud, unpleasant, and prolonged noise
skulduggery	underhanded or unscrupulous behavior; trickery
sacrosanct	(of a principle) regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with
benevolence	the quality of being well meaning; kindness

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
frivolous	not having any serious purpose or value
sledgehammer	a way of behaving that is too forceful
Prop up	to give help, encouragement, or support to (someone)
propriety	the state or quality of conforming to conventionally accepted standards of behavior or morals
construe	interpret (a word or action) in a particular way
unwarranted	not justified or authorized
inasmuch	to the extent that
unmixed	pure
lest	to avoid the risk of
exuberance	the quality of being full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Come through	succeed in surviving or dealing with (an illness or ordeal)
gestation	the development of something over a period of time
midwife	a person or thing that produces or aids in producing something new or different
efficacious	(of something inanimate or abstract) successful in producing a desired or intended result
adenovirus	a group of common viruses that infect the lining of your eyes, airways and lungs, intestines, urinary tract, and nervous system
immense	extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree
incumbent	necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility
scrupulously	in a very careful and thorough way
minuscule	extremely small
indigenously	Originating, growing, or produced in a certain place or region

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
contempt	behaviour that is illegal because it does not obey or respect the rules of a law court
innocuous	not harmful or offensive
embarrassment	a feeling of self-consciousness, shame, or awkwardness
wading	intervene in (something) or attack (someone) vigorously or forcefully
invoking	cite or appeal to (someone or something) as an authority for an action or in support of an argument
anguish	severe mental or physical pain or suffering
dispenses	provide a service to a number of people
integrity	the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles
undermine	lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously
petulant	childishly sulky or bad-tempered

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
due	expected at or planned for at a certain time
face-to-face	in direct confrontation
underway	having started and in progress
ceasefire	a temporary suspension of fighting, typically one during which peace talks take place
obstacle	a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
stipulate	demand or specify (a requirement), typically as part of a bargain or agreement
Silver lining	an advantage that comes from a difficult or unpleasant situation
foreboding	fearful apprehension; a feeling that something bad will happen
grapple	engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons
insurgent	a rebel or revolutionary

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
haul	a distance to be traversed
rage	to happen in a strong or violent way
shrank	become smaller in size
rebound	to rise in price after a fall
dissipate	disappear or cause to disappear
telltale	Indicating something
solitary	existing alone
abiding	accept or act in accordance with
discretionary	done or used when necessary
protracted	prolonged

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
assassination	killing someone famous
non-binding	not legally necessary to obey or follow
oust	to force someone to leave a position of power
combat	war
overlooked	to fail to notice
stationing	to cause especially soldiers to be in a particular place
confrontations	a fight or argument
resentment	a feeling of anger

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
baton	a stick that is passed from one runner to another in a relay race
imperative	extremely important/urgent
parity	equality
comorbidities	multiple medical conditions at the same time
astronomical	extremely large
wherewithal	money necessary for a particular purpose
mammoth	extremely large
heroic	great
protocol	formal system of rules

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
nuanced	distinct
surpassed	exceed
ramping up	a large increase
diagnosing	identify by examination
dense	close together
anticipated	to imagine or expect
discretionary	decided by officials
procurement	process of getting supplies

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
elaborately	detailed
pitched	a speech to persuade someone to do something
keenness	quality of being eager
escalating	increasing
feud	an argument that has existed for a long time
inarguably	unquestionably
spurred	to encourage an activity
indigenous	operating or happening in the local area
abjure	to say formally or publicly
predominantly	mainly

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
hostility	opposition
coterie	small group of people with shared interests
de-facto	existing in fact, although perhaps not intended, legal, or accepted
social harmony	people living side by side with peace & mutual respect
dismantling	to get rid of a system
contentious	likely to cause disagreement
articulate	to express in words
dialectic	inquiry into metaphysical contradictions and their solutions
status quo	present situation
obsequious	too eager to serve or obey someone
archaic	extremely old-fashioned

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
regime	routine
unravelling	undo
exacerbated	make a bad situation even worse
obliged	legally or morally bound to do something
subsumed	include
tenuous	very weak
spur	encourage an activity
engendered	cause of a situation
sagging	less strong

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Inevitable	Inevitable
steepest	rising or falling sharply
stringent	strict
abjured	no longer agreeing with a belief
discretionary	not fixed by rules
outpaced	improve faster than
fiscal	monetary
omnibus	a programme consisting of two or more parts
vaunted	boasted about, especially in an excessive way

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
vigilance	action of keeping careful
resorted	adopted
liberalised	loosen restrictions
precipitous	steep
rigorous	extremely thorough and careful
despondent	discouraged
tenuous	weak
vigil	being careful
exuberance	feeling energetic
impending	something unpleasant or unwanted

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