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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Tortuous	full of twists and turns
Spectacle	a visually striking performance or display
Overrun	continue beyond or above an expected or allowed time or cost
Agonisingly	To suffer mental anguish or worry about something
Staggered	arrange (events, hours, etc.) so that they do not occur at the same time
Opaque	not transparent
Tilting	move or cause to move into a sloping position
Spike	a sharp increase in the magnitude of something
Exponentially	more and more rapidly
Pale	seem less impressive or important

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Curtail	impose a restriction on
Factor	to include or admit as something that actively contributes to the production of a result
Vial	a small container, typically cylindrical and made of glass, used especially for holding liquid medicines
Bound	the greatest possible degree of something
Contamination	the action or state of making or being made impure by polluting or poisoning
Fragile	(of an object) easily broken or damaged
Exponential	(of an increase) becoming more and more rapid
Logistics	the detailed coordination of a complex operation involving many people, facilities, or supplies
Ancillary	providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, institution, industry, or system
Rollout	to make something new available for the first time

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Deploy	move equipment into position
Dither	be indecisive
Stand	a position taken in an argument
Two-fold	twice as great or as numerous
Mobilise	make (something) movable or capable of movement
Generically	relating to medical drugs which are not sold or made under a particular brand name
Faltering	losing strength or momentum
Kernel of truth	a very small part of something that is true, wise etc
Assertion	a confident and forceful statement of fact or belief
Ravage	the severely damaging or destructive effects of something

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Peddle	promote (an idea or view) persistently or widely
Beat off	to succeed in winning or gaining something from an opponent
Incendiary	tending to excite
Mercurial	(of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind
Trumpeter	a person who plays a trumpet
Elegiac	expressing sad feelings, especially about the past or people who have died
Off the grid	not using any of the services, such as bank accounts, public utilities, etc, that allow a person's activities to be monitored by the authorities
Hulking	large, heavy, or clumsy
Make the cut	to be among the players allowed to continue playing
Time loop	in books and films, a situation in which a period of time is repeated, sometimes several times, so that the characters have to live through a series of events again

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Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
Green	relating to the protection of the environment
Greenhouse gas	any gas that has the property of absorbing infrared radiation (net heat energy) emitted from Earth's surface and reradiating it back to Earth's surface, thus contributing to the greenhouse effect
Per capita	the average per person
Shake off something	to get rid of something bad
Envisage	contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event
Open source	software or other projects with source code that can be viewed, modified, or upgraded by anyone
Decarbonise	reduce the amount of gaseous carbon compounds released in or as a result of (an environment or process)
Net zero emission	an overall balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and greenhouse gas emissions taken out of the atmosphere
Recalcitrance	the quality of being determined not to do what other people, especially people in authority, want or expect to be done
Anew	in a new or different and typically more positive way

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Tribunal	any person or institution having an authority to judge, adjudicate on, or to determine claims or disputes
Adjudicatory	relating to making an official decision about who is right in a dispute
Interim stay	the temporary order of injunction passed by the court while the suit is still pending
Spell out	explain something in detail
Hazardous	risky; dangerous
Conservation	carefully using valuable natural substances that exist in limited amounts in order to make certain that they will be available for as long a time as possible
Be shorn of something	to have something valuable or important taken away from you
Stint	a person's fixed or allotted period of work
Wryly	in a way that expresses dry, especially mocking, humor
Salutary	(especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects; beneficial

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Conviction	a formal declaration that someone is guilty of a criminal offense, made by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law
Manslaughter	the crime of killing a human being without malice aforethought, or otherwise in circumstances not amounting to murder
Clarion call	a strongly expressed demand or request for action
Erstwhile	former
Fanned	to make fiercer, more ardent, etc
Frontrunner	the contestant that is leading in a race or other competition
Fan the flames	Intensify or stir up feelings
Laden	heavily loaded
Pitfall	a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty
eschew	deliberately avoid using

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Upheaval	a violent or sudden change or disruption to something
Scale up	increase
Inoculate	treat (a person or animal) with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease
Tie up	to preempt the use of
Surface	Become known
Liberalise	remove or loosen restrictions
Avert	prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence)
Foresight	the ability to predict or the action of predicting what will happen or be needed in the future
Pragmatism	a reasonable and logical way of doing things or of thinking about problems that is based on dealing with specific situations instead of on ideas and theories
Hype	extravagant or intensive publicity or promotion

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Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
Vulnerability	the quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally
Diamantaire	diamond dealer
Extradition	the act of officially sending back somebody who has been accused or found guilty of a crime to the country where the crime was committed
Sour loan	an unsecured loan whose payment is 90 days or more overdue
Cognisance	knowledge, awareness, or notice
Bear the brunt of	Put up with the worst of some bad circumstance
Skew	suddenly change direction or position
Germane	relevant to a subject under consideration
Lament	express regret or disappointment about something
Malady	a disease or ailment

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Parlance	a particular way of speaking or using words, especially a way common to those with a particular job or interest
Prognosis	the likely course of a disease or ailment
Peninsula	a piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water
Sowing	plant (seed) by scattering it on or in the earth
Correspond	match or agree almost exactly
Rainfed	Of or relating to farming that relies on natural rainfall rather than irrigation
Dynamic	characterized by constant change, activity, or progress
El Niño	a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean
Dipole	a pair of equal and oppositely charged or magnetized poles separated by a distance
Incorporate	include

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Pullout	a withdrawal, especially from military involvement
Insurgents	a person who revolts against civil authority or an established government
Coalition	a group formed when two or more militaries agree to work together temporarily in a partnership to achieve a common goal
Roadblock	a barrier or barricade on a road, especially one set up by the authorities to stop and examine traffic
Shaky	unstable
Precarious	dangerously likely to collapse
Stalemated	having reached a situation in which further action or progress by opposing or competing parties seems impossible
Overrun	spread over or occupy (a place) in large numbers
Verge	an extreme limit beyond which something specified will happen
Ominous	giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen

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Implicate	show (someone) to be involved in a crime
Espionage	the practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information
Annal	historical records of the activities of an organization
Grave	giving cause for alarm; serious
Malicious	intending or intended to do harm
Set in motion	start or trigger a process or series of events
Persuasive	good at persuading someone to do or believe something through reasoning or the use of temptation
Resist	withstand the action or effect of
Shoot down	dismiss someone by forcefully criticizing or arguing with them
Impediment	a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Put off	postpone something
On the crest of a wave	If you say that you are on the crest of a wave, you mean that you are feeling very happy and confident because things are going well for you.
Cohort	a group of individuals having a statistical factor (such as age or class membership) in common in a demographic study
Cluster	a group of similar things or people positioned or occurring closely together
Onus	used to refer to something that is one's duty or responsibility
Rollout	an occasion when a new product or service is gradually made available to more people after it has first been tested in a particular area
In the pipeline	in the process of being planned or developed
Unwavering	continuing in a strong and steady way
Envisage	contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event
Regulatory	serving or intended to regulate something

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Emancipation	the fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions
Giant leap	important progress that has been made
Push the envelope	testing limits and trying out new, often radical ideas
Antediluvian	extremely old-fashioned
Foetal anomaly	unusual or unexpected conditions in a baby's development during pregnancy
Keep a watchful eye	to watch (someone or something) closely
Nosedive	to suddenly fall in value, quickly and by a large amount
Stop short of	not go as far as (some extreme action)
Dramatis personae	people who figure prominently in something
Jagged	having a harsh, rough, or irregular quality

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Difficult Word/ Phase	Contextual Meaning
Salvaging	to try to make a bad situation better
Rein in	to limit or control
Exuberance	the quality of being full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness
Nascent	just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential
Hobble	to limit something or control the freedom of someone
Scale up	If you scale up something, you make it greater in extent than it used to be
Staggered working hours	When the staff work a set number of hours during the day, but at different times
Inscrutable	impossible to understand or interpret
Silver bullet	something that acts as a magical weapon especially : one that instantly solves a long-standing problem
Curb	a check or restraint on something

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Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
Multilateral	agreed upon or participated in by three or more parties, especially the governments of different countries
Traverse	travel across or through
Assert	state a fact or belief confidently and forcefully
Manoeuvre	a large-scale military exercise of troops, warships, and other forces
Dispose of	settle
Grapple	to fight, especially in order to win something
In line with	in alignment or accordance with
Belligerence	aggressive or warlike behavior
Chart out	to outline a plan for something
Quad	The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD, also known as the Quad) is an informal strategic dialogue between the United States, Japan, Australia and India that is maintained by talks between member countries.

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Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
Strain	to experience pressure
Bilateral	involving two parties, especially countries
Free trade agreement	a pact between two or more nations to reduce barriers to imports and exports among them
Avenue	possibility
Divergence	a situation in which two things become different, or the difference between them increases
Preface	serve as an introduction
Derisive	expressing contempt or ridicule
Optics	(typically in a political context) the way in which an event or course of action is perceived by the public
On the same page	to have the same kind of understanding about a situation
Raise eyebrow	show surprise or mild disapproval

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Resurrect	to bring back something into existence that had ended
Protract	lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual
Explicit	stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
Fillip	something which acts as a stimulus or boost to an activity
Revanchist	a policy of seeking to retaliate, especially to recover lost territory
Culminate	reach a climax or point of highest development
Conspire	make secret plans jointly to commit an unlawful or harmful act
Plaintiff	a person who brings a case against another in a court of law
Commission	give an order for
Adduce	cite as evidence

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Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
Zero-sum	relating to or denoting a situation in which whatever is gained by one side is lost by the other.
Convene	come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble
Mire	involve someone or something in (a difficult situation)
Energy poverty	lack of access to modern energy services
Drought	an event of prolonged shortages in the water supply
Clamour	a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting vehemently
Green technology	any technology intended to reduce the impact of humans on the environment
Underpin	support, justify, or form the basis for
Deforestation	the action of clearing a wide area of trees
Run-up	the period preceding a notable event

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Accommodative	intended to stimulate economic activity by lowering interest rates
Drop its guard	to stop being careful to avoid danger or difficulty
Upsurge	an increase
Dampen	make less strong or intense
Cloud	make or become less clear
Efficacy	the ability to produce a desired or intended result
Ramp up	increase the level of something sharply
Rebounding	recover in strength after a decrease or decline
Remit	an item referred to someone for consideration
Across the board	applying to all

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Mayhem	violent or damaging disorder
Junta	a military or political group that rules a country after taking power by force
Call for	publicly ask for or demand something
Stop short of	not go as far as (some extreme action)
Attaché	a person on the staff of an ambassador, typically with a specialized area of r
Gun down	shoot someone and kill or injure them
Bloodshed	the killing or wounding of people, typically on a large scale during a conflict
Unperturbed	not worried or anxious
Coup	a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government
Usurp	take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Walk-back	retract a statement or reverse an action or decision
Articulate	express (an idea or feeling) fluently and coherently
Garner	gather or collect (something, especially information or approval)
Proclamation	a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of great importance
Titan	a person or thing of very great strength, intellect, or importance
Clampdown	a severe or concerted attempt to suppress something
Unwinding	undo or be undone after winding or being wound
Dogma	a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true
Allude	suggest or call attention to indirectly; hint at
Ethos	the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its beliefs and aspirations

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Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
Demigod	a being with partial or lesser divine status
Undimmed	not diminished or lessened
Twirl	spin quickly and lightly around, especially repeatedly
Swagger	walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
Hallmark	a typical characteristic or feature of a person or thing
Motion capture	the process or technique of recording patterns of movement digitally, especially the movements for the purpose of animating a digital character in a film or video game
Foray	an initial and often tentative attempt to do something in a new or different field or area
No show	a person who has made a reservation, booking, or appointment but neither keeps nor shows up
Legion	a vast host, multitude, or number of people
Disservice	an unfair or harmful action

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Terse	using few words and often not seeming polite or friendly
Quinquennium	a specified period of five years
Centrepiece	an issue intended to be a focus of attention
Lockstep	close adherence to and emulation of another's actions
Apposite	apt in the circumstances or in relation to something
Bedrock	the fundamental principles on which something is based
Devastating	highly destructive or damaging
Precarity	a state of persistent insecurity with regard to employment or income
Trajectory	the way in which a process or event develops over a period of time
Unwavering	steady or resolute; not wavering

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Peg	fix (a rate) at a particular level
Prune	to reduce the number or amount of something
Status quo	The existing state of affairs, particularly with regard to social or political issues
Defer	postpone
Inadvertently	without intention; accidentally
Flurry	a sudden, short period of activity
Tenure	The term of holding something
Extant	still in existence
Clinching	embracing
Jibe	an insulting or mocking remark; a taunt

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
In the forefront	In a leading position
Reiterate	say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity
Spike	a sharp increase in the magnitude of something
On the horizon	likely to happen soon
Catastrophic	involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering
Skyrocket	of an amount) increase very steeply or rapidly
Inoculate	treat (a person) with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease
Bear down	move directly towards someone or something in a purposeful or intimidating manner
Pressing problem	something which has to be dealt with immediately
Tides and ebbs	fluctuations

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