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| Chug | to move steadily |
| Sporadic | occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places |
| Frenetic | fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way |
| Plasmid | a small, circular, double-stranded DNA molecule that is distinct from a cell's chromosomal DNA |
| Efficacy | the ability to produce a desired or intended result |
| Adolescent | (of a young person) in the process of developing from a child into an adult |
| Cohort | a group of people banded together or treated as a group |
| Undergird | secure or fasten from the underside |
| Ramp up | increase the level or amount of something sharply |
| Staggered | arrange (events, payments, hours, etc.) so that they do not occur at the same time |

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| Virulence | the degree to which a disease or poison is dangerous or harmful and quick to have an effect |
| Strain | a severe or excessive demand on the strength, resources, or abilities of something |
| Starkly | in a way that is severe or harsh in appearance or outline |
| Precipitate | cause (an event or situation, typically one that is bad or undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely |
| Divergence | the process or fact of separating or becoming different |
| Bloc | a combination of countries, parties, or groups sharing a common purpose |
| Percentage point | the difference between two percentages |
| Expansive | extensive or wide-ranging |
| Drag | something or someone that slows progress or development, or that makes success less likely |
| Effusive | expressing feelings of gratitude, pleasure, or approval in an unrestrained or heartfelt manner |

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| Conflagration | conflict |
| Dormant | temporarily inactive or inoperative |
| Skirmish | an episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, especially between small or outlying parts of armies or fleets |
| Snowball | increase rapidly in size, intensity, or importance |
| bonhomie | cheerful friendliness |
| Tamp down | to put a check on |
| Status quo | the existing state of affairs, especially regarding social or political issues |
| Farcical | silly and not worth taking seriously |
| Sectarian | denoting or concerning a sect or sects |
| Bane | a cause of great distress or annoyance |

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| Landslide | a collapse of a mass of earth or rock from a mountain or cliff |
| Landslip | a mass of rock and earth that falls down a slope, usually smaller than a landslide |
| Fragility | the quality of being easily broken or damaged |
| Pummel | to hit something repeatedly |
| Terrain | a stretch of land, especially with regard to its physical features |
| Unwary | not cautious; not aware of possible dangers or problems |
| Vista | a pleasing view, especially one seen through a long, narrow opening |
| Vigil | a watch or a period of watchful attention |
| Bootstrap | the technique of starting with existing resources to create something more complex and effective |
| Fossil fuel | a natural fuel such as coal or gas, formed in the geological past from the remains of living organisms |

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| Ambiguity | the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness |
| Stance | a way of thinking about something, especially expressed in a publicly stated opinion |
| Fiat currency | a government-issued currency that is not backed by a commodity such as gold |
| Pilot project | an initial small-scale implementation that is used to prove the viability of a project idea |
| Viability | ability to work successfully |
| Spook | frighten |
| Roll-out | officially launch or introduce a new product or service |
| Timeline | a schedule for when a process or procedure will be carried out |
| Anonymity | the quality or state of being unknown to most people |
| Compounded annual growth rate | the mean annual growth rate of something over a specified period of time longer than one year |

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| Revitalisation | the process of making something stronger, more active or more healthy |
| Beset | (of a problem or difficulty) trouble or threaten persistently |
| Supersede | take the place of (a thing previously in authority or use) |
| Quasi-federal | an intermediate form of state between a unitary state and a federation |
| Delineate | describe or portray (something) precisely |
| Contour | an outline, especially one representing or bounding the shape or form of something |
| Ratification | the action of signing or giving formal consent to a treaty, contract, or agreement, making it officially valid |
| Outline | give a summary of (something) |
| Fetter | to keep someone within limits or stop them from making progress |
| Pass muster | Meet a required standard |

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| Mayhem | violent or damaging disorder |
| Parlous | full of danger or uncertainty |
| Intermittent | occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady |
| Torrent | a strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid |
| Crippling | seriously damaging or harming something |
| Staggering | deeply shocking |
| Inundation | an overwhelming abundance of people or things |
| Despair | the complete loss or absence of hope |
| Malady | a disease or ailment |
| Jeopardy | danger of loss, harm, or failure |

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| Vetted | verified or checked for accuracy, authenticity, suitability, etc. |
| Abominable | something that causes disgust or hatred |
| Buck stops with | If you say 'The buck stops with me', you mean that you have to take responsibility for something and will not try to pass the responsibility on to someone else |
| Disingenuous | not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does |
| Cohort | a group of people banded together or treated as a group |
| Craving | powerful desire for something |
| Turpitude | a very evil quality or way of behaving |
| Voyeurism | the practice of gaining sexual pleasure from watching others when they are naked or engaged in sexual activity |
| Trample | to cause damage or pain by walking or stepping heavily on something or someone |
| Antithetical | directly opposed or contrasted |

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| Salutary | (especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects |
| Prod | to encourage someone to take action, especially when they are being slow or unwilling |
| Pilgrimage | a pilgrim's journey |
| Convene | come or bring together for a meeting or activity |
| Perturb | make (someone) anxious or unsettled |
| Suo motu | on its own motion; the term is usually applied to actions by a judge taken without a prior motion or request from the parties |
| Deference | humble submission and respect |
| Paramount | more important than anything else |
| Subservient | prepared to obey others unquestioningly |
| Run-up | the period preceding a notable event |

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| Salience | the quality of being particularly noticeable or important |
| Albeit | Although |
| Decry | to say publicly and forcefully that you regard (something) as bad, wrong, etc. |
| Confront | meet (someone) face to face with hostile or argumentative intent |
| Earnest | serious and determined |
| Brutal | extremely cruel or harsh |
| Frontier | a line or border separating two countries |
| Influx | an arrival or entry of large numbers of people or things |
| Crumble | break or fall apart into small fragments, especially over a period of time as part of a process of deterioration |
| Shun | To avoid |

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| Precarity | the state of being uncertain |
| Levy | an act of levying a tax, fee, or fine |
| Reel under | To struggle to deal with some oppressive or difficult burden or responsibility |
| Spiral | show a continuous and dramatic increase |
| Dog | follow (someone or their movements) closely and persistently |
| Mainstay | the most important part of something, providing support for everything else |
| Disconcertingly | in a way that makes someone feel uncertain and uncomfortable or worried |
| Unabated | without any reduction in intensity or strength |
| Traction | the extent to which a product, idea, etc., gains popularity or acceptance |
| Looming | appear as a vague form, especially one that is large or threatening |

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| Ramp up | increase the level or amount of something sharply |
| Slackening | to gradually become, or to make something become, slower, less active, etc. |
| Chaotic | in a state of complete confusion and disorder |
| Roil | to cause something to stop working in the usual or expected way |
| Ferocity | a very fierce or violent quality |
| Inoculate | treat (a person or animal) with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease |
| Uptick | a small increase |
| Out of the woods | out of difficulties, danger or trouble |
| Onus | used to refer to something that is one's duty or responsibility |
| Spruce | to make someone or something cleaner and tidier or to improve his, her, or its appearance generally |

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| Replete | filled or well-supplied with something |
| Plotline | the course or main features of a narrative such as the plot of a play, novel, or movie |
| Plumb the depth | to experience a lot of (something) |
| Reductionist | analyzing and describing a complex phenomenon in terms of its simple or fundamental constituents |
| Dogmatic | being certain that your beliefs are right and that others should accept them, without paying attention to evidence or other opinions |
| Midfield | the middle area of a sports field, esp. the area midway between the two goals |
| Verve | vigor and spirit or enthusiasm |
| Nous | common sense; practical intelligence |
| Acumen | the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain |
| Defunct | no longer existing or functioning |

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| Scrutiny | critical observation or examination |
| Strike a blow | to do something to fight for or against something |
| Inquisitorial | asking for information, especially in a threatening way that continues for a long period of time |
| Nuance | provide a subtle difference in meaning |
| Jurisdiction | the official power to make legal decisions and judgments |
| Transgress | infringe or go beyond the bounds of (a moral principle or other established standard of behavior) |
| Discordance | lack of agreement or consistency |
| Turf | the area that a group considers its own |
| Federalism | the distribution of power in an organization (such as a government) between a central authority and the constituent units |
| Vis-à-vis | in relation to |

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| Distillation | the extraction of the essential meaning or most important aspects of something |
| Enmesh | cause to become entangled in something |
| Whirring | make a low, continuous, regular sound |
| Glistening | (of something wet or greasy) shine |
| Unabashed | not embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed |
| Pitted | set someone or something in conflict or competition with |
| Phlegmatic | having or showing a slow and stolid temperament |
| Pantheon | a group of particularly respected, famous, or important people |
| Aberration | a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically one that is unwelcome |
| Scrappy | consisting of disorganized, untidy, or incomplete parts |

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| Blip | an unexpected, minor, and typically temporary deviation from a general trend |
| Streak | a period during which a series of things happens |
| Tad | to a small extent; somewhat |
| Tepid | not enthusiastic |
| Kitty | a fund of money for communal use, made up of contributions from a group of people |
| Ramp up | increase the level of something sharply |
| Breathing room | A sufficient buffer of time, space, or money that allows for freedom of movement or relief from a given source of pressure or stress |
| Spur | give an incentive or encouragement to (someone) |
| Plausible | (of an argument or statement) seeming reasonable or probable |
| Brewing | Developing |

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| Bloodshed | the killing or wounding of people, typically on a large scale during a conflict |
| Province | the whole of a country outside the capital, especially when regarded as lacking in sophistication or culture |
| Power broker | a person who influences people to vote towards a particular client (i.e. elected official or referendum) in exchange for political and financial benefits |
| Troop | soldiers or armed forces |
| Relentless | continuing without becoming weaker, less severe, etc. |
| Abdication | failure to fulfill a responsibility or duty |
| Concession | the right to use land or other property for a specified purpose, granted by a government, company, or other controlling body |
| Pullout | a withdrawal, especially from military involvement or participation in a commercial venture |
| Legitimacy | conformity to the law or to rules |
| Warring | (of two or more people or groups) in conflict with each other |

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| Foretell | predict (the future or a future event) |
| Oppression | prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or control |
| Tenuous | very weak or slight |
| Cling | hold on tightly to |
| Diffident | modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence |
| Spell | be a sign or characteristic of |
| Perversely | in a manner contrary to what is expected or accepted |
| Incarceration | the state of being confined in prison; imprisonment |
| Sipper | drinking straw |
| Commemorative | acting as a memorial or mark of an event or person |

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| Felony | a crime, typically one involving violence, regarded as more serious than a misdemeanor, and usually punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or by death |
| Grand larceny | theft of personal property having a value above a legally specified amount |
| Audacious | showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks |
| Salvo | a sudden, vigorous, or aggressive act or series of acts |
| Indictment | a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime |
| Tip of the iceberg | the small part of a much larger situation or problem that remains hidden |
| Grand jury subpoena | A grand jury subpoena signals that a grand jury has been impanelled and a criminal investigation is underway |
| Hobble | to limit something or control the freedom of someone |
| Run-of-the-mill | lacking unusual or special aspects; ordinary |
| Plutocrat | a person whose power derives from their wealth |

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| Pare | reduce (something) in size, extent, or quantity in a number of small successive stages |
| Purist | a person who insists on absolute adherence to traditional rules or structures, especially in language or style |
| Anomalous | deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected |
| Sovereign | used to describe money that is borrowed or invested by national governments |
| Peg | fix (a rate) at a particular level |
| Spur | give an incentive or encouragement to (someone) |
| Disintermediation | reduction in the use of intermediaries between producers and consumers, for example by investing directly in the securities market rather than through a bank |
| G-Sec | a tradeable instrument issued by the Central Government or the State Governments |
| Augur well for | to indicate or predict good things for someone or something |
| Bond vigilante | Any of the large bond market investors who aggressively sell government bonds in the open market as a mark of protest against the policies adopted by the government or the central bank of a country |

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| Warm up | prepare for physical exertion or a performance by exercising or practising gently beforehand |
| Step in | act as a substitute for someone |
| Follow suit | do as someone else has done |
| Proximity | nearness in space, time, or relationship |
| Cut out | Remove something |
| Bio-bubble | a safe and secure environment isolated from the outside world to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection |
| Fraught | causing or affected by anxiety or stress |
| Ambivalence | the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone |
| Joust | a tournament |
| on (one's) home turf | In the place or area where one is locally established |

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