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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Draconian	Of or relating to harsh code of laws
Fall short of	fail to meet an expectation or standard
Undergirding	Lend support to
Inviolable	never to be broken, infringed, or dishonoured
Downplay	Represent as less significant or important
Curb	Lessen the intensity of
Menace	Something that is a source of danger
Launder	Convert illegally obtained funds into legal ones
Adversely	In a manner which is contrary to your interests or welfare
Malefic	evil
Narcotics	A drug that produces numbness or stupor
Illicit	Contrary to or forbidden by law
Funnel	to concentrate, channel, or focus
Bloodstream	a mainstream of power or vitality
Stringent	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures
Apposite	Being of striking appropriateness and pertinence
Grave	Dignified and sombre in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
Predicate	that which is affirmed or denied concerning the subject of a proposition
Evasion	The deliberate act of failing to pay money
Manifestly	Unmistakably; visibly clear; in an evident manner
Vulnerable	Susceptible to attack

Whim	An odd, fanciful or capricious idea
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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Symbolism	the use of symbols to represent things
Stint	An unbroken period of time during which you do something
Colonial	connected with or belonging to a country that controls another country (colony)
Cognisant	having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or perception
Articulate	Express or state clearly
Milestone	A significant event in a project
Triumph	A successful ending of a struggle or contest
Pave the way	to make it easier for (something to happen or someone to do something)
Invigorating	Imparting strength and vitality
Gauge	Measure precisely
Enlist	Hire for work or assistance
Elate	Fill with high spirits
Split	Separate into parts or portions
Erosion	A gradual decline of something
Intolerance	Unwillingness to recognize and respect differences in opinions or beliefs

Autonomy	Personal independence
Leeway	political independence
Champion a cause	If you champion a person, a cause, or a principle, you support or defend them

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Stinging	harsh or hurtful in tone or character
Indictment	An accusation of wrongdoing
Scapegoat	to blame somebody publicly for something bad that has happened, even though it was not his/her fault
Ploy	A tactic or manoeuvre intended to gain an advantage
Acquittal	a judgment of not guilty
Ambush	The act of concealing yourself and lying in wait to attack by surprise
Draconian	Very or overly harsh or strict
Proscribe	Command against
Utter	Complete and absolute
Massacre	The savage and excessive killing of many people
Upend	turn upside down
Dubious	Open to doubt or suspicion
Imposition	the act of imposing something

Credence	The mental attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true
Apprehend	Take into custody
Ponder	Think deeply about a subject or question over a period of time
Round up	The systematic gathering up of suspects by the police
Hapless	Deserving or inciting pity
Setback	An unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes
Disenchantment	Disappointment on finding out that something is not as good as hoped

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Cart before the horse	something is done contrary to the natural or normally effective sequence of events
Fish	Seek indirectly
Pronouncement	An authoritative declaration
Bemoan	Regret strongly
Hasty	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation
Incarceration	The state of being imprisoned
Crack down	to start dealing with bad or illegal behaviour in a more severe way
Bat for	Support
Lament	Regret strongly

Reiterate	To say, state, or perform again
Standing order	an instruction or prescribed procedure in force permanently or until changed or canceled
Underscore	emphasizing the importance of something
Flee	Run away quickly
Moot	Think about carefully
Glaring	Conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
Inconsistency	a self-contradictory proposition (statement)
Overhaul	The act of improving by renewing and restoring
Condition	Habituate
Reflexively	By reflex, automatically, without conscious thought

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Appease	gain the good will of
Stack	Arrange the order of so as to increase one's winning chances
Stint	An unbroken period of time during which you do something
Confrontation	A hostile disagreement face-to-face
Partisan	Devoted to a cause or party
In tandem	alongside each other

Cliched	Repeated regularly without thought or originality
Hail	Be a native of
Landowning	Having property in land; of or pertaining to landowners
Stiff	Marked by firm determination or resolution; not shakable
Elevation	the highest stage of development
Mobilise	Make ready for action or use
Unfailingly	Without fail
Strive	Attempt by employing effort
Temperament	Excessive emotionalism or irritability and excitability (especially when displayed openly)

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Bridge the gap	to make the difference between two different things smaller
Fare	Perform over a period of time
Benchmark	Evaluate relative to some benchmark standard or scale
Parity	Equality
Stagnation	Inactivity
Falter	Be weak
Shrink	Become smaller
Anaemic	a medical condition in which there are not enough red cells in the blood

Abysmal	Very bad
Imperative	Of greatest importance
Tokenism	A policy of formally complying with efforts to achieve a goal by making small, token gestures
Staggering	So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Laxity	lack of strictness or care
Cut corner	to do something quickly and not as well as you should
Diversion	the act of changing the direction or purpose of something, especially in order to solve or avoid a problem
Severe	extremely bad or unpleasant
Turbulence	A state of violent disturbance and disorder
Crest	The highest or extreme point of something
Tersely	In a short and concise manner
Fleet	Group of aircraft operating together under the same ownership
Invocation	the act of asking for help
Aberration	A state or condition markedly different from the norm
Feebly	In a manner which lacks strength
Concur	be in agreement

Root cause	the basic cause of something
Snag	An unforeseen obstacle
Red flag	A sign used to indicate danger
Ecosystem	A system or an environment
Tier	Arranged in layers
Nimble	Moving quickly and lightly
Gross over	try and make a problem seem unimportant by ignoring it or by dealing with it very quickly

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Dispense	Give or provide in small portions
Safeguard	Make safe
Cornerstone	the most important part of something that the rest depends on
Wantonly	being without check or limitation
Apprehend	Get the meaning of something
Contravention	Coming into conflict with
Weed out	Remove unwanted elements
Grave	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm
Deterrent	Something that acts to discourage certain behaviour or action
Proponent	A person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea

Substantial	Of considerable importance, size, or worth
Penal	subject to punishment by law
Woefully	In an unfortunate or deplorable manner
Redress	Act of correcting an error or a fault or an evil
Backlog	Something kept back or saved for future use or a special purpose
Tardy	After the expected or usual time
Equitably	dealing fairly and equally with all concerned
Tinker	Try to fix or mend
Foreboding	A feeling of evil to come

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Offence	The team that is trying to score
Pulsating	Exciting
Climax	A decisive moment
Gallop	run somewhere very quickly
Centurion	an officer in the army of ancient Rome who was responsible for 100 soldiers
Draw	Finish a game with an equal number of points, goals, etc.
Comeback	Even the score, in sports
Scare	Sudden mass fear and anxiety over anticipated events

Intervening	Occurring or falling between events or points in time
Linger	Remain present although waning or gradually dying
Bow out	Retire gracefully
Hold the reins	to be in control
Indifferent	Marked by a lack of interest
Marauding	raiding
Aggression	A feeling of hostility that arouses thoughts of attack
Shed	Get rid of
Improbable	Not likely to be true or to occur or to have occurred
Bludgeoning	to hit them several times with a heavy object
Deflating	take away somebody's confidence or make somebody seem less important

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Jul 1, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Fallout	Any adverse and unwanted secondary effect
Humanely	characterized by kindness, mercy, sympathy, etc
Lethal	Of an instrument of certain death
Grim	Shockingly repellent
Peril	A source of danger
Asylum	A shelter from danger or hardship

Lacunae	A blank gap or missing part
Searing	Severely critical
Stubbornly	difficult to handle
Lock horn	argue about something
Multitude	A large indefinite number
Bipartisan	Supported by both sides
Collaborative	Accomplished by working jointly
Glimmer	a faint indication
dig in one's heels	resist stubbornly; refuse to give in
Hammer out	Discuss vehemently in order to reach a solution or an agreement
Cede	Give over
Melting pot	a place where a lot of different cultures, ideas, etc. come together
Coterminous	Being of equal extent, scope or duration

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