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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Flog	to make progress by painful work
Probe	Investigate thoroughly to see if true
Precondition	A condition that is a prerequisite
Acquiesce	To agree or express agreement
Purported	planned
Antagonist	Someone who offers opposition
Deconstruction	a way of understanding how something was created
Intent	purpose
Mete out	Give or provide in small portions
Matrix	A situation, or environment in which something has its origin, takes form
Aver	maintain

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Conundrum	A difficult problem
Stir	Excite the feelings or emotions of
Revolt	offend the moral sense of
take on the mantle	take on the responsibilities and duties which must be fulfilled by anyone who has this profession or job
Bill	Publicize or announce by placards
Vague	Not clearly expressed or understood
At the helm	in charge of an organization
Dynamics	the way in which people or things behave and react to each other in a particular situation
Facilitate	Make easier
Revamp	Renovate, restore
At the crossroads	At a point of decision or a critical juncture
Ail	trouble or afflict
Stand out	Be highly noticeable
Coterie	An exclusive circle of people with a common purpose

Masquerade

Pretend to be someone or something that you are not

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Difficult Word/

Phrase

Contextual Sense

Glossary

An alphabetical list of technical terms in some specialized field of knowledge

Stigma

A symbol of disgrace or infamy

Prejudice

An adverse judgement or opinion formed beforehand without good justification

Deride

Treat or speak of with contempt

Slur

A disparaging remark

Nomenclature

A system of words used to name things in a particular discipline

Fraught

filled

Ordeal

A severe or trying experience

Combative

Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree

Slew

a large number, amount or extent

Paramount

Of greatest importance

Decriminalise	Make legal
Liberty	Freedom of choice
Mobilise	Make ready for action or use
Phobia	An anxiety disorder characterized by extreme and irrational fear of simple things or social situations
Fluid	A supply of something available for future use
Sphere	A particular environment or walk of life

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Pave the way for	to make it easier for (something to happen or someone to do something)
Isolation	A country's withdrawal from international politics
Cite	Make reference to
College	an organized group of people who have special duties and powers
Friction	A state of conflict between persons

Foil	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of
Apprehension	Fearful expectation or anticipation
Disbanding	Cause to break up or cease to function
Nullify	Declare invalid
Albeit	Even though
Weather the storm	to deal with a difficult situation without being harmed or damaged too much
Enormous	Extraordinarily large in amount
Maiden	Being the first occurrence or first event of some type
Shatter	Damage or destroy
Saga	A narrative
Onus	An onerous or difficult concern
Crack the whip	use power or authority to make a person or group work harder or behave in a disciplined way
Erring	Capable of making an error
In the dock	being tried in a court

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Factor in	Consider as relevant when making a decision
Bode well	to show or suggest that future developments or events will be good or favorable
Downpour	A heavy rain
Torrential	Pouring in abundance
Landslip	A slide of a large mass of dirt and rock down a mountain or cliff
Arterial	Of or relating to a major route
Chaos	A state of extreme confusion and disorder
Manifestation	A sign or symptom
Sapling	Young tree
Debilitate	Make weak
Exchequer	The funds of a government, institution or individual
Water	Supply with water, as with channels, ditches or streams

Fury	The property of being wild or turbulent
Compound	Make more intense, stronger, or more marked
Vagary	An unexpected and inexplicable change in something
Cloudburst	A heavy rain
Flash flood	A sudden local flood of great volume and short duration
Rehabilitate	Restore to a state of good condition
Elide	Leave or strike out
Tender	Make a tender of

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Bypass	Avoid something unpleasant or laborious
End up	Finally be or do something
Self-gratification	The act of satisfying your own desires
Abandon	leave in the lurch

Warrant	Provide adequate grounds to justify (a certain course of action)
Chasm	a wide divergence of feelings, sentiments, interests, etc
Rampant	Unrestrained and violent
Racket	An illegal enterprise (such as extortion or fraud or drug peddling or prostitution) carried on for profit
Stringent	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures
Institutionalisation	Establish as a normal practice
Detrimental	causing harm

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Remission	An abatement in intensity or degree
Discretion	Freedom to act or judge on one's own
Heinous	Extremely wicked, deeply criminal
Pogrom	Organized persecution of an ethnic group

Remit	Abate
Waiver	A formal written statement of relinquishment
Concurrence	Agreement of results or opinions
Contemporary	Belonging to the present time
Perpetrator	Someone who does something wrong
Disquieting	Causing mental discomfort
Commutation	(law) the reduction in severity of a punishment imposed by law
Whimsy	An odd, fanciful or capricious idea
Clemency	Leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice
Rigour	Excessive sternness
Fete	Have a celebration
Conscience	Conformity to one's own sense of right conduct

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Approbation	Official approval
Stately	Of size and dignity
Pressing	Compelling immediate action
Tug	Strive and make an effort to reach a goal
Come at the seams of	to break into parts or pieces
Stock-taking	Reappraisal of a situation, position or outlook
Insight	Clear or deep perception of a situation
Expansive	Of behaviour that is impressive and ambitious in scale or scope
Pernicious	Exceedingly harmful
Big fish	An important influential person
Dwell	Exist or be situated within
Lace	Spin, wind, or twist together
Scanty	Lacking in magnitude or quantity
Underline	Give extra weight to (a communication)
Turbulence	A state of violent disturbance and disorder
Sail	Move with sweeping, effortless, gliding motions
Benchmark	A standard by which something can be measured or judged

Egalitarian

Favouring social equality

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Tenability	The quality of being plausible or acceptable to a reasonable person
Arraign	Accuse of a wrong or an inadequacy
Overthrow	Cause the downfall of
Octogenarian	Being from 80 to 89 years old
Albeit	Even though
Frame	To outline
Interim	Serving during an intermediate interval of time
Allegation	(law) a formal accusation against somebody (often in a court of law)
Prima facie	At first sight
Onerous	(of a task) requiring hard or challenging work
Trial	judicial examination

Off-shoot	A natural consequence of development
Commemorative	Intended as a ceremony to honour the memory of someone or something
Rope in	lure
Spyware	Computer software that obtains information from a user's computer without the user's knowledge or consent
Implicate	Bring into intimate and incriminating connection
Fabricate	Concoct something artificial or untrue
Countenance	give permission
Incarceration	The state of being imprisoned

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Allure	The power to entice or attract through personal charm
Allude	Make a more or less disguised reference to
Legacy	Heritage

Yardstick	A measure or standard used for comparison
Notch	an imaginary point or position in a comparison of amounts or values
Quadrennial	Occurring once in four years
Pit	Set into opposition or rivalry
Disparate	Fundamentally different or distinct in quality or kind
Fuse	Joining together
Vigour	Forceful exertion
Haul	the amount gained, won, earned, etc. at one time
Etch	to imprint vividly
Derail	reduce or delay the chances for success or development of
Cherish	Be fond of
Embroidery	Decorative needlework
Cope	Succeed in doing, achieving, or producing (something) with the limited or inadequate means available
Redemption	Recovery
Catch the eye	to get someone's attention
Reiterate	To say, state, or perform again

Encore	An extra or repeated performance; usually given in response to audience demand
annex	Take (territory) as if by conquest

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Flaw	Defect
On an equal footing	in conditions where everyone has an equal chance
Inherent	Existing as an essential constituent or characteristic
Bias	A partiality that prevents objective consideration of an issue or situation
Manifestly	visibly clear
Arbitrary	Based on or subject to individual discretion or preference or sometimes impulse or caprice
Part ways	to end a relationship
Expansive	Of behaviour that is impressive and ambitious in scale or scope

Anomaly	Deviation from the normal or common order or form or rule
Prohibit	Command against
Pierce	make a way through
Iniquity	An unjust act
Exhort	Force or impel in an indicated direction
Fete	Bestow honour
Push the envelope	approach or extend the limits of what is possible
Antediluvian	So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period
Cherry-pick	select only the ones you like
Antiquated	So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period
Autonomy	Personal independence

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Drill	Undergo military training or do military exercises

Sober	Serious and calm
Draw a line	to put a limit on what you will do or allow to happen, esp. because you feel something is wrong
Hollow out	to remove the inside of (something)
Inclination	An attitude of mind
Isolation	A country's withdrawal from international politics
Offset	Make up for
Herald	to be a sign that something is going to happen soon
Strained	Not friendly
Teeter	Move unsteadily
One the edge of an abyss	If someone is on the edge or brink of an abyss, they are about to enter into a very frightening or threatening situation
Cut off	Cease
Hostage	prisoner

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Sop	A concession given to mollify or placate
Freebie	something that is free (usually provided as part of a promotional scheme)
Unviable	Capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are
Vulnerable	Susceptible to criticism, persuasion or temptation
Backdrop	The context and environment in which something is set
Bypass	Avoid something laborious
Scepticism	Doubt about the truth of something
Manifesto	(government) a public declaration of intentions (as issued by a political party or government)
Resonate	Be received or understood
Distort	Affect as in thought or feeling
Uphold	Keep or maintain in unaltered condition
Stipulation	(law) an agreement or concession made by parties in a judicial proceeding (or by their attorneys) relating to the business before the court; must be in writing unless they are part of the court record
Vitiate	Take away the legal force of or render ineffective

Exert	Put to use
Inducement	A positive motivational influence
Prudence	Discretion in practical affairs

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Transgression	the violation of a law or a duty or moral principle
Tactless	saying and doing things that are likely to offend and upset other people
Taunt	Deliberately provoke by mocking or poking fun, often in an aggressive manner
Regionalism	A feature that is characteristic of a particular region
Ethnic	connected with or typical of a particular race or religion
Dormant	not erupting and not extinct
Face-off	A hostile disagreement face-to-face
Recant	Formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure

Gaffe	A socially awkward or tactless act
Judicious	Marked by the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical matters
Intrigue	A crafty and involved plot to achieve your (usually sinister) ends
Hushed	quiet
Blatantly	In a manner which is completely obvious
Hostile	Characterized by enmity or ill will
Erupt	Start abruptly
Cite	Refer to

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Conflict	An open clash between two opposing groups
Veteran	A person who has served in the armed forces
Trigger	Cause to start, provoke or initiate (usually something negative or violent)

Aftermath	The consequences of an event (especially a catastrophic event)
Hollow out	to remove the inside of (something)
Perish	to become destroyed or ruined
Drill	(military) the training of soldiers to march (as in ceremonial parades) or to perform the manual of arms
Countermeasure	An action taken to offset another action
Call on	Have recourse to or make an appeal or request for help or information to
Ironically	Contrary to plan or expectation
Stern	Severe and unremitting in making demands
Assuage	gain the good will of
Dissuade	Turn away from by persuasion
Burnish	improve
Confrontation	A hostile disagreement face-to-face
Defuse	calm
Perilous	Fraught with danger

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Aug 2, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Unpack	analyse and consider something in detail
Conundrum	A difficult problem
Fortnight	A period of fourteen consecutive days
Casualty	An accident that causes someone to die
Fatigue	Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work
Swab	Implement consisting of a small piece of cotton that is used to apply medication or cleanse a wound or obtain a specimen of a secretion
Rare	Not widely known
Outbreak	A sudden violent spontaneous occurrence (usually of some undesirable condition)
Surge	A sudden or abrupt strong increase
Elevate	Take from a lower to a higher position
Syndrome	A pattern of symptoms indicative of some disease
Airborne	Moved or conveyed by or through air
Probe	Investigate thoroughly to see if true

Rash	Any red eruption of the skin
Blister	an elevation of the skin filled with serous fluid, caused by rubbing or friction
Show up	Appear or become visible
Intriguingly	in a manner that arouses one's curiosity or interest
Misdiagnosis	An incorrect diagnosis
Slack	Lacking in rigour or strictness

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