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# VOCABULARY

# TURMOIL(NOUN)

Meaning: a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty. It is often characterized by chaos, upheaval, or disorder.

Synonym: Confusion, chaos, upheaval, tumult, disorder

Antonym: Order, calm, tranquility, serenity, stability

**Sentence:** 

The political turmoil in the country led to widespread protests and demonstrations.

# EQUILIBRIUM(NOUN)

Meaning: a state of balance or stability, where opposing forces or elements are evenly distributed, and there is no net change or motion.

Synonym: Balance, stability, harmony, equipoise,

symmetry

Antonym: Imbalance instability, disequilibrium, upheaval, discord

**Sentence:** 

The tightrope walker maintained perfect equilibrium, carefully adjusting their body to stay centered and avoid falling.

# RETALIATE(VERB)

Meaning: to respond to an action or attack by counterattacking or seeking revenge.

Synonyms: Counterattack, strike back, revenge, reciprocate, respond

Antonym: Forgive, ignore, tolerate, endure, overlook Sentence:

Frustrated by the constant teasing, he decided to retaliate by playing a prank on his mischievous colleagues.

# ANARCHY(NOUN)

Meaning: a state of disorder, absence of government, or political and social chaos. It is characterized by a lack of authority, rules, and a breakdown of societal order.

Synonym: Chaos, lawlessness, disorder, mayhem, tumult

Antonym: Order, governance, control, organization, stability

**Sentence:** 

The collapse of the central government led to a state of anarchy, with various factions vying for power and control.

# SOVEREIGNTY(NOUN)

Meaning: the supreme authority or power of a state or governing body to govern itself without interference from external sources.

Synonyms: Autonomy, independence, self-determination, self-rule, authority

Antonym: Subjugation, dependence submission, servitude, subordination

**Sentence:** 

The country fought for its sovereignty, seeking independence from colonial rule.



# RAPPROACHMENT(NOUN)

Meaning: the reestablishment of friendly relations or the improvement of strained relations between individuals, groups, or nations.

Synonym: Reconciliation, conciliation, detente, understanding, resolution

Antonym: Estrangement, hostility, conflict, discord, disagreement

**Sentence:** 

The diplomatic talks between the two countries led to a significant rapprochement, paving the way for improved trade and cooperation.

# VENGEFUL(ADJ.)

Meaning: Vengeful describes a person or attitude characterized by a strong desire for revenge or a wish to inflict harm on someone in response to perceived wrongdoing or injury.

Synonym: <u>Retaliatory</u>, <u>vindictive</u>, <u>retaliative</u>, <u>vengeant</u>, <u>revengeful</u>

Antonym: Forgiving, merciful, compassionate, lenient, magnanimous

**Sentence:** 

Fueled by vengeful emotions, he plotted a series of actions to get back at those who had betrayed him.

# DETERRED(VERB)

Meaning: Deterred refers to the action of discouraging or preventing someone from doing something by creating fear, doubt, or apprehension about the consequences.

Synonym: Discouraged, dissuaded, hindered, thwarted, prevented

Antonym: <u>Encouraged</u>, <u>motivated</u>, emboldened, supported, promoted

Sentence: The heavy rain and strong winds deterred us from going on a picnic, as the weather conditions seemed unfavorable.

# DOMINEERING(ADJ.)

Meaning: Domineering describes a person who tends to exert control or influence over others in an assertive, authoritarian, or overbearing manner. It implies a desire to dominate and control others.

Synonym: Authoritarian, overbearing, dictatorial, controlling, tyrannical

Antonym: Submissive, yielding, accommodating, humble, cooperative

Sentence: The domineering boss rarely allowed employees to voice their opinions or make decisions independently.

# CEASEFIRE(NOUN)

Meaning: A ceasefire is a temporary suspension of hostilities or a halt in fighting, usually agreed upon by opposing parties in a conflict to allow for negotiations, humanitarian efforts, or a period of peace.

Synonym: <u>Truce</u> armistice, peace agreement, cessation of hostilities

Antonym: Conflict, confrontation, battle, war, fighting Sentence:

The two nations agreed to a ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid to reach the war-torn regions.

## PHRASAL VERBS

ON A STRONG FOOTING: To be in a secure or stable position, often in the context of a favorable or advantageous situation ØFF RAMP ) In transportation terminology, an off-ramp refers to a road or lane that allows vehicles to exit a major road or highway. CARRIED OUT: to complete or perform a task, action, or nlan ALL-OUT: describes a maximal or complete effort, often with an emphasis on using all available resources and energy.





# TONE OF THE PASSAGE

- 1. SYMPATHETIC
- 2. OPTIMISTIC
- 3. ANALYTICAL
- 4. ASSERTIVE
- 5. NEUTRAL



