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1. Claim

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An assertion that something is true

- **Sentence:**

- US 'prevented' South Asia nuclear war in 2019, claims Pompeo

2. Escalate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make or become more intense or serious

- **Sentence:**

- **NEW DELHI:** Former US secretary of state Mike Pompeo has revealed that India and Pakistan came close to nuclear war in 2019 following the Balakot airstrike, and that US intervention helped prevent an escalation,

3. Spill over

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To spread or reach a point at which it can not be controlled

- **Sentence:**

- “I do not think the world properly knows just how close the India-Pakistan rivalry came to spilling over

4. Conflagration

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A large violent event such as war

- **Sentence:**

- “I do not think the world properly knows just how close the India-Pakistan rivalry came to spilling over into a nuclear conflagration in February 2019,”

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5. Memoir

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A writing based on author's personal memories

- **Sentence:**

- Mr Pompeo wrote in Never Give an Inch, the memoir of his time as Donald Trump's top diplomat and earlier CIA chief.

6. In the wake of

Phrase

- **Meaning:**

As a consequence

- **Sentence:**

- According to the former US diplomat, he was awakened to speak to his then-Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj, who told him that Pakistan was preparing for a nuclear attack in the wake of the air strike and India was preparing its own escalatory response,

7. Avert

verb

- **Meaning:**

To prevent something from happening

- **Sentence:**

- and his team worked overnight with both New Delhi and Islamabad to avert this crisis.

8. Contemplate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To think deeply about something

- **Sentence:**

- “In Hanoi, I was awakened to speak with my Indian counterpart. He believed the Pakistanis had begun to prepare their nuclear weapons for a strike. India, he informed me, was contemplating its own escalation.

9. Dogfight

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A fight between two military aircrafts

- **Sentence:**

- "The Pakistanis shot down a plane in a subsequent dogfight and kept the Indian pilot prisoner."

10. Sort out

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To resolve a problem or matter

- **Sentence:**

- "I asked him to do nothing and give us a minute to sort things out."

11. Reach out

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To communicate with someone

- **Sentence:**

- He says he reached out to Pakistan's then army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, with "whom I had engaged many times", and told him what the "Indians had told me".

12. Reckless

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Acting without thinking about the results

- **Sentence:**

- India said it had killed a large number of militants but Pakistan called the claim "reckless".

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