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1. Bolster

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To support or strengthen

- **Sentence:**

- Allies bolster Ukraine with more weapons pledges

2. Pledge

verb

- **Meaning:**

To make a formal promise to give something to someone

- **Sentence:**

- Western allies pledged billions of dollars in new weapons for Ukraine on Thursday,

3. Unleash

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To suddenly release a violent force that cannot be controlled

- **Sentence:**

- Fearing winter will give Russian forces time to regroup and unleash a major attack

4. Array

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A large group of things or people

- **Sentence:**

- Ukraine is pushing for the Leopard battle tanks, which are held by an array of Nato nations but whose transfer to Ukraine requires Germany's approval.

5. Reluctant

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Unwilling and hesitant

- **Sentence:**

- has been reluctant to send weapons that could be seen as provoking Moscow.

6. Sceptical

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Having doubts

- **Sentence:**

- Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said later on Thursday of the possibility of German approval, "I am moderately sceptical,

7. Moderately

Adverb

- **Meaning:**

To a certain extent

- **Sentence:**

- “I am moderately sceptical, moderately pessimistic because the Germans are defending themselves against this like a devil protects himself against holy water.”

8. Stance

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Opinion about something

- **Sentence:**

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy made thinly disguised criticism of Germany for its stance.

9. Fend off

Phrasal verbs

- **Meaning:**

To push back an attacker

- **Sentence:**

- it needs heavy tanks to fend off Russian assaults and recapture occupied land.

10. Strained

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Having problems; worried and nervous; injured by too much use or effort

- **Sentence:**

- US officials say they have no plans yet to send the Abrams, which is seen as using too much fuel for Kyiv's strained logistics system to supply at the front.

11. Annihilation

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Complete destruction

- **Sentence:**

- Russia is waging a brutal war of annihilation on a sovereign country, on Ukraine.”

12. Mounting

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Gradually increasing

- **Sentence:**

- Poland and Finland have already said they would send Leopards if Germany lifts its veto. In a sign of mounting frustration, Poland suggested it might do so even if Germany tries to block it.

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