

12 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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1. Afloat

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Out of debt or difficulty

- **Sentence:**

- How China and India's appetite for oil and gas kept Russia afloat

2. Besieged

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Surrounded by army or people

- **Sentence:**

- Despite Western-led sanctions aimed at punishing Russia over its war in Ukraine, growing demand for Russian energy imports has helped keep the country's besieged economy afloat.

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3. Sanction

verb, Noun

- **Meaning:**

A strong action taken in order to make people obey law

- **Sentence:**

- China and India, both of which have declined to condemn Russia or impose sanctions over the war, became the biggest buyers of Russian crude oil last year

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4. Spike

Verb

- **Meaning:**

A rise in amount, level or price

- **Sentence:**

- China's imports of Russian crude oil spiked 8 percent in 2022,

5. Soar

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To rise high very quickly

- **Sentence:**

- China's imports of Russian pipeline gas and liquefied natural gas in 2022 soared 2.6 times and 2.4 times, respectively,

6. Surge

verb

- **Meaning:**

To increase suddenly by a large amount

- **Sentence:**

- Meanwhile, China's imports of Russian coal last year surged 20 percent to 68.06 million tonnes.

7. Boosted

Verb, Adjective

- **Meaning:**

To improve or encourage

- **Sentence:**

- Analysts have said that cheap imports are difficult to ignore for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has boosted security ties with the West while maintaining warm Russia ties, as he faces both high inflation and an election year.

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8. Ramp up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To increase the level or amount of something

- **Sentence:**

- Turkey has also emerged as a top buyer of Russian energy crude oil and coal, with analysts pointing to Pakistan and Bangladesh as markets that are likely to follow suit and ramp up Russian energy imports at discounted prices.

9. Circumvent

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To overcome a problem

- **Sentence:**

- Russia has built up a “shadow fleet” of up to 600 old oil tankers to circumvent Western sanctions, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

10. Phase in

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To introduce gradually

- **Sentence:**

- The European Union began phasing in sanctions on Russian oil last year,

11. Cripple

verb

- **Meaning:**

To deprive of the ability to function normally

- **Sentence:**

- The goal is not to cripple Russia completely — which would send global oil prices skyrocketing — but to “cause pain to the Kremlin,” said Matt Sherwood, the EIU’s Senior Europe and Lead commodities analyst.

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12. Rebound

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To recover in value and amount

- **Sentence:**

- Russian waterborne crude exports have already rebound to over 3 million bpd as Asian buyers continue to import

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