

11 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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1. Waver

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To lose determination to do something

- **Sentence:**

- Minister says 13,000 police deployed as Macron vows not to waver on unpopular pensions policy

2. Push through

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To be officially accepted

- **Sentence:**

- demonstrations continue over Emmanuel Macron's use of constitutional executive powers to push through an unpopular raise of the pension age.

3. Brace

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To be prepare for something difficult

- **Sentence:**

- Authorities in Paris and several other cities were braced for clashes between police and protesters.

4. Intensify

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make something more intense

- **Sentence:**

- The crisis has intensified because of controversy over policing tactics,

5. Arbitrary

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Based on personal choice or whim rather than a reason or system

- **Sentence:**

- lawyers complaining of arbitrary arrests, injuries and heavy handedness during crowd control.

6. Spur

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To encourage an activity or development

- **Sentence:**

- anti-government feeling spread in the west of France beyond the issue of pensions to environmental demonstrations, spurred by the impact of new water storage facilities for crop irrigation.

7. Impromptu

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Done without preparation or planning

- **Sentence:**

- What began as two months of regular, peaceful trade union-organised strike days has shifted to more impromptu protest gatherings over the past 10 days.

8. Vandalize

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To destroy public property deliberately

- **Sentence:**

- There have been pockets of unrest in many cities and towns after dark, with fires lit on streets and property vandalised.

9. Bypass

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To avoid something by going around it

- **Sentence:**

- Attacks on politicians' constituency offices have increased since Macron's decision to push through the pensions changes, bypassing the lower-house of parliament.

10. Preparatory

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Done in preparation for something

- **Sentence:**

- A preparatory note by French intelligence services said many more young people were likely to take part, perhaps twice or three times as many as on the last big day of strike action last Thursday,

11. Indignant

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Feeling or showing annoyance

- **Sentence:**

- Many young people at first “didn’t feel affected” by the pensions changes, but joined the movement last week, “indignant” at the use of executive powers contained in article 49.3 of the constitution to bypass parliament,

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