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1. Confidant

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person with whom you can share your secrets and feelings

- **Sentence:**

- Li Qiang, Xi confidant, takes reins as China's premier

2. Battered

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Damaged or having suffered

- **Sentence:**

- took office on Saturday as China's premier, the country's No.2 post, putting the close ally of President Xi Jinping in charge of reviving an economy battered by

3. Curb

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To control or limit something

- **Sentence:**

- putting the close ally of President Xi Jinping in charge of reviving an economy battered by three years of Covid-19 curbs.

4. Pragmatic

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Dealing with things sensibly and realistically

- **Sentence:**

- Widely perceived to be pragmatic and business-friendly,

5. Daunting

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Difficult to deal with

- **Sentence:**

- the 63-year-old Li faces the daunting task

6. Shore up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To support or help

- **Sentence:**

- the 63-year-old Li faces the daunting task of shoring up China's uneven recovery in the faces of global headwinds and weak confidence among consumers and the private sector.

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7. Hedge

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To limit something

- **Sentence:**

- many global companies diversify supply chains to hedge their China exposure due to political risks and the disruptions of the Covid era.

8. Steer

verb

- **Meaning:**

To control the movement and direction

- **Sentence:**

- Xi tightened his grip on power and steered the world's second-largest economy

9. Statist

Adjective, nouns

- **Meaning:**

A system in which state has centralized control over social and economic affairs

- **Sentence:**

- Xi tightened his grip on power and steered the world's second-largest economy in a more statist direction.

10. Leeway

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The amount of freedom to move or act

- **Sentence:**

- My reading of the situation is that Li Qiang will have a lot more leeway and authority within the system,” said Trey McArver, co-founder of consultancy Trivium China.

11. Reshuffle

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To interchange the position of members, candidates

- **Sentence:**

- Xi, 69, is installing a slate of loyalists in key posts in the biggest government reshuffle in a decade

12. Consolidate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make something stronger or more solid

- **Sentence:**

- as a generation of more reform-minded officials retires and he further consolidates power

13. Unanimously

Adverb

- **Meaning:**

Without opposition

- **Sentence:**

- he further consolidates power after being unanimously elected president,

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