

15 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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1. Counterpart

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person has same position in one place as the other person has in another

- **Sentence:**

- US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday he had no plans to meet his Russian or Chinese counterparts at a G20 foreign ministers' meeting,

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2. Forge

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make or produce something

- **Sentence:**

- Ukraine and China tensions overshadow attempts by host India to forge unity among the world's biggest economies.

3. Sought

Past tense of seek

- **Meaning:**

Ask for something from someone

- **Sentence:**

- A meeting of G20 finance ministers in Bengaluru last week failed to agree on a common statement after Beijing and Moscow sought

4. Water down

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To make something less effective or weak

- **Sentence:**

- A meeting of G20 finance ministers in Bengaluru last week failed to agree on a common statement after Beijing and Moscow sought to water down language on Russia's war with Ukraine

5. Optimistic

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Hopeful and confident about the future

- **Sentence:**

- But Washington was optimistic this week's summit would produce a declaration reflecting "the majority,

6. Overwhelming

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Very great in amount

- **Sentence:**

- “the majority, if not the overwhelming majority of the G20 continuing to stand against Russia’s war”, a senior State Department official said.

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7. Lay into

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To attack someone violently with words

- **Sentence:**

- Lavrov arrived late on Tuesday in India — which has not condemned the war — and will use his G20 attendance to lay into Western countries, according to the Russian foreign ministry.

8. Inevitable

Noun, adjective

- **Meaning:**

Unavoidable

- **Sentence:**

- The West wants to “take revenge for the inevitable disappearance of the levers of dominance from its hands”, the ministry’s English-language statement said.

9. Brink

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The extreme edge of something

- **Sentence:**

- “The destructive policy of the US and its allies has already put the world on the brink of a disaster,” it added.

10. Faltering

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Loosing strength or momentum

- **Sentence:**

- Blinken also warned Wang against providing “material support” to Russia’s faltering war effort,

11. Speculate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To form a theory about something without a firm evidence

- **Sentence:**

- Blinken also warned Wang against providing “material support” to Russia’s faltering war effort, as is speculated in Washington. Beijing denies any such intention.

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12. Bulwark

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A defensive wall

- **Sentence:**

- Blinken was also expected on Friday to meet his counterparts from the Quad group, which includes the United States, Japan, Australia and India, and is seen as a bulwark against China in the Asia-Pacific region.

13. Alleviate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make pain or problem less severe

- **Sentence:**

- India wants to use its G20 presidency this year to focus on issues such as alleviating poverty and climate finance, but the Ukraine war and its effects are set to dominate the agenda.

14. Ramp up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To increase the amount of something

- **Sentence:**

- Hosting the G20 puts India in a tricky position because while it shares Western concerns about China, it is also a major buyer of Russian arms and has ramped up Russian oil imports.

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15. Rebuke

Noun, Verb

- **Meaning:**

An expression of disapproval or criticism

- **Sentence:**

- India has not condemned the Ukraine invasion, although Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Putin last year that this was “not a time for war”, in comments seen as a rebuke of Moscow.

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