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1. snap poll (noun) – an unexpected & sudden (early) poll/election in a parliamentary system that is called before the due date by the ruling party for some political purpose.
2. sense (verb) – observe, notice, recognise, identify, realize, see.
3. window of opportunity (noun) – a short period of time in which one has a chance to do/achieve something; chance, lucky chance, good time, golden opportunity, suitable time/moment, opportune occasion.
4. spring a surprise (phrase) – to do something that is not expected (or surprising).
5. incumbent (adjective) – current, existing, present (holder, bearer or occupant of an office).
6. Conservative (adjective) – (in a political context) right-wing, Tory (UK).
7. Conservative Party/Tory Party (noun) – this is one of the two main political parties in the United Kingdom, along with the Labour Party which is traditionally left-wing.
8. call for (phrasal verb) – require, publicly ask/necessitate, demand.
9. Downing Street (noun) – a street in Westminster area in London that houses the official residences and offices of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
10. suggest (verb) – indicate, denote, point to, signify.
11. the likes of (phrase) – someone/something considered as a type.
12. exceptionally (adverb) – unusually, uncommonly, abnormally, unexpectedly.
13. midterm (noun) – the middle of a period of office.
14. seize upon (phrasal verb) – to take an opportunity/chance decisively.
15. political capital (noun) – the advantage over a political opponent that you can get from a particular situation; public/popular support.
16. accrue (verb) – to receive something gradually over a period of time; accumulate, gather, build up, be added.
17. inflation (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.

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18. drop (verb) – decrease, decline, sink, slump, plunge, plummet.
19. steady the ship (phrase) – to bring under control.
20. scenario (noun) – situation, setting, background, context.
21. secure (verb) – protect, guard, shield, assure, confirm.
22. immigration (noun) – the act of leaving one's countries and moving to another country of which they are not natives, nor citizens, to settle or reside there, especially as permanent residents or naturalized citizens.
23. asylum seeker (noun) – someone seeking a foreign country to provide protection to him/her who is unable or unwilling to return to their home country due to fear of persecution (harm, harassment or oppression); displaced person, exile, outcast.
24. frustration (noun) – annoyance, irritation, vexation, exasperation, displeasure, dismay, disappointment, embarrassment, humiliation.
25. unbroken (adjective) – consecutive, continuous.
26. the Cold War (noun) – The Cold War was a state of political and military tension after World War II between powers in the Western Bloc (the United States and a group of countries) and powers in the Eastern Bloc (the Soviet Union and a group of countries).
27. merit (noun) – strong point, good point.
28. indeed (adverb) – in fact, actually.
29. denouement (noun) – the end result of a situation; the very end of a story; outcome, consequence, end result, ending, climax.
30. long-drawn (adjective) – lengthy, extended, continuing, protracted, prolonged, persisting, lingering.
31. invasion (noun) – attack, assault, onslaught, raid, act of war, incursion, offensive.
32. make or break (phrase) – cause something to succeed or fail.
33. paradigm (noun) – a model or pattern of something; example, prototype, standard, criterion.
34. sovereignty (noun) – jurisdiction, supremacy, authority, control, power.

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35. energy security (noun) – the uninterrupted availability of energy sources at an affordable price. Energy security has many aspects: long-term energy security mainly deals with timely investments to supply energy in line with economic developments and environmental needs. On the other hand, short-term energy security focuses on the ability of the energy system to react promptly to sudden changes in the supply-demand balance.
36. ripple effect/domino effect/knock-on effect (noun) – an event (or a process/action) that causes several other events to happen indirectly one after the other; secondary/indirect effect, consequence/implication, chain of events.
37. prospects (noun) – chances, possibilities, expectations, outlook, future.
38. economic stability (noun) – it refers to a situation where all the essential economic resources of a country are available to its citizens, and no economic swings interrupt their daily lives. It helps achieve macroeconomic objectives like reducing unemployment, balance payments, price stability, and sustainable economic growth.
39. stability (noun) – steadiness, firmness, solidity, secureness, strength.
40. churn (noun) – disorder/disorganization, confusion, disruption/chaos.
41. humanitarian (adjective) – compassionate, humane socially concerned, welfare.
42. humanitarian tragedy (noun) – humanitarian disaster/crisis; it is defined as a singular event or a series of events that are threatening in terms of health, safety or well being of a community or large group of people. It may be an internal or external conflict and usually occurs throughout a large land area.
43. unfold (verb) – develop, evolve, happen, occur, transpire, emerge.
44. Gaza (noun) – a Palestinian city in the Gaza Strip. Gaza Strip is a self-governing Palestinian territory surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, Israel and Egypt.
45. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.

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46. punctuate (verb) – happen or occur (at intervals).
47. imbroglio (noun) – confused/complicated situation; difficulty/predicament.
48. echo (noun) – reverberation, reflection, reiteration, repetition.
49. Rwanda plan (noun) – On 14 April 2022, the UK government announced that it was going to send certain people seeking asylum in the UK to the Republic of Rwanda, where the Rwandan government would decide their asylum claims. If their claims were successful, they would be granted asylum in Rwanda, not the UK. This was to address increasing numbers of people reaching the UK without authorisation by crossing the English Channel in small boats.
50. green light/green lighting (noun) – authorization, permission, approval, assent, consent.
51. tangible (adjective) – real, actual, solid, concrete, substantial, well defined.
52. contrarily (adverb) – conversely, to the contrary, on the contrary, if anything, otherwise, in another way.
53. by/in comparison (phrase) - when compared.
54. means (noun) – method, manner, way, technique, procedure.
55. context (noun) – circumstance, condition, situation, scenario, background, backdrop.
56. in this regard (phrase) – on this point, in relation/connection to something mentioned earlier.
57. stem from (verb) – originate from, come from, be rooted in, emanate from, flow from, proceed from, result from, be consequent on.

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