

THEME: POLITICS

VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. BRINKMANSHIP** – taking risks to achieve results
Synonym – manoeuvring; bluster
Antonym- vigilance; carefulness
- 2. CONTAINMENT** – keeping something under control
Synonym – confinement, lockdown
Antonym – chaos, disorganisation
- 3. HEGEMONY** – leadership or dominance
Synonym – dominion; supremacy
Antonym- self-government; independence
- 4. INTERVENTIONIST** – person in favour of interventionism
Synonym – prying; obtrusive
Antonym- indifferent; liberal
- 5. JUNTA** – military officers ruling a country
Synonym – faction; group
Antonym- empire; federation
- 6. MANDATE** – authority given to an elected group
Synonym – command; order
Antonym- objection; censure
- 7. POLITY** – political organisation
Synonym – commonwealth; community
Antonym- despotism; autocracy
- 8. PORTFOLIO** – position and duties of a minister
Synonym – duties; responsibilities
Antonym- disorganisation; disarray
- 9. TARIFFS** – tax imposed to restrict imports
Synonym – tax, excise
Antonym- free; nothing
- 10. VETO** – a no vote that blocks a decision
Synonym – reject, turn-down
Antonym- approve; authorise

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. CONTAINMENT | a) vigilance | b) censure | c) lockdown | d) duties |
| 2. MANDATE | a) command | b) error | c) chaos | d) excise |
| 3. TARIFFS | a) command | b) tax | c) supremacy | d) reject |
| 4. HEGEMONY | a) disorganise | b) disarray | c) dominion | d) object |
| 5. JUNTA | a) responsible | b) vigilance | c) faction | d) nothing |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. BRINKMANSHIP | a) manoeuvring | b) vigilance | c) dominion | d) liberal |
| 2. INTERVENTIONIST | a) obtrusive | b) liberal | c) disarray | d) free |
| 3. POLITY | a) chaos | b) censure | c) despotism | d) duties |
| 4. PORTFOLIO | a) duties | b) disarray | c) excise | d) reject |
| 5. VETO | a) reject | b) approve | c) obtrusive | d) autocrat |

EXERCISE 3

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY LIST

1. The dictator was caught up in his _____ and insists on a _____ to use resources for a nuclear attack.
2. The military _____ in Myanmar realised that there is a huge cost in having an _____ government,
3. A _____ is a minister's area of responsibility, the minister of the cabinet has _____ over his employees.
4. The role of religion in the country's _____ was complex, and the priestess had the power of _____ any law.
5. The government believed that the policy of _____ was not working and insisted on better _____ and bills.