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deportation

- *America imposed visa restrictions on officials in Thailand who were involved in the recent forced **deportation** of 40 Uyghur Muslims to China's Xinjiang province, where Uyghurs face widespread repression. [010]*

espionage

- *Indeed, the New York Times criticised the most recent Bond movie, "No Time to Die", as being "more superhero saga than **espionage** caper". [076]*

exempt

- *MPs in Germany's Bundestag voted to **exempt** most defence spending from legal restrictions on government debt and to create a €500bn (\$545bn) infrastructure fund. [009]*

reprieve

- *The Mexican president has earned respect for her calm and level-headed handling of her northern neighbour, and has twice won her country a month-long **reprieve** from threatened **tariffs** of 25% across the board. [183]*

rail (v.)

- *The president has **railed** against the war's cost to American taxpayers, and has refused to grant Ukraine security guarantees to back a peace agreement. [345]*

forgo

- *Russia could help resolve crises in the Middle East and beyond, perhaps leaning on its friend Iran to **forgo** the bomb. [036]*

rebuke

- *Small wonder the chief justice issued a rare **rebuke**. [053]*

cohort

- *A recession could easily **exacerbate** the problem, and land another **cohort** on the sick rolls for good. [067]*

lambaste

- *The CDU **lambasted** other parties, notably the Greens, on the campaign trail for even suggesting a revision to the rules on the debt brake. [071]*

harp (v.)

- *This is the sort of place where men can wear skirts while playing the **harp** on stage and no one will question their morals. [168]*

revoke

- *Now Marco Rubio, the US secretary of state, says that the doctors work abroad as “forced labour” and that any officials complicit in such activity will have their visas to the United States **revoked**. [211]*

audacious

- *Mr Lai was therefore being particularly **audacious** by defining China as a foreign hostile force that day. [264]*

interim

- *But if Hamas signals a willingness to accept even an **interim** extension to the ceasefire, the Americans may call time on Israel’s offensive. [305]*

tectonic

- *Although those focused on multi-decade returns might dismiss a few weeks of price fluctuations, the reverberations from recent **tectonic** shifts may be felt for some time. [554]*

anecdote

- Such **anecdotes** are reflected in consumer-confidence data, which, as well as being down on average, are more starkly split along partisan lines than ever before. [522]

confer

- Two other studies, one by GSK, a pharmaceutical company, and another by a group of academics in Britain, also reported that a newer “recombinant” vaccine, which is more effective at preventing shingles than the live version, appeared to **confer** even greater protection against dementia. [576]

impeach

- John Roberts, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, waded in and said that calls to **impeach** judges were an inappropriate response to a judicial disagreement. [004]

brunt

- That has been the case with Chinese firms, which bore the **brunt** of the duties imposed during Mr Trump’s first term. [477]

quack

- The key to maximising the benefits and minimising the risks will be to drive out the **quacks** and bring this rapidly growing project into the scientific mainstream. [025]

squabble

- Mr Putin wants the American president to believe that, as statesmen, they have bigger fish to fry than **squabbling** over a **forlorn** place like Ukraine. [035]

moot (adj./v.)

- But the Department of Justice said the order was **moot** because the planes were already in international airspace, among other **tendentious** excuses. [049]
- The IT ministry has **mooted** what one newspaper dryly described as “One digital ID that links, can access other IDs”. [250]

leeway

- Seeing Mr Trump’s preoccupation with Panama, there could also be **leeway** to carve out some ports from the deal during the 145-day window for exclusive negotiations. [290]

hobble

- *The outlook for Turkey's already **hobbled** democracy appears grim. [335]*

precept

- *Within the West, the international coalition of nationalist conservatives, stretching from Trumpism in America to bolsonarismo in Brazil to Orbanism in Hungary, rejects the basic **precepts** of enlightenment liberalism, like individualism and the universality of human rights. [127]*

treasure trove

- *Here's a sneaky little invite: Want the full scoop on all the juicy materials? Join the **Ferryman's TeachPrep Community**. To hop aboard, just scan the QR code on the cover—don't miss the boat! [jackpot]*

hegemony

- *To prevent global **hegemony** of any kind, national conservatives in America, France, Hungary and Italy argue that the **sovereignty** of the nation-state must be supreme. [130]*

reinstate

- *The administration is appealing in each instance but complying with the orders, as it has with a judge's directive to **reinstate** thousands of federal employees. [176]*

flounder

- *President Donald Trump's muscular diplomacy is **floundering** in the Caribbean. [209]*

coffer

- *For decades Cuba has sent them abroad to **burnish** its international reputation and fill its **coffers**. [210]*

stoke

- *Support for higher spending survived into the pandemic, when the Biden administration juiced the economy, **stoking** inflation, and then persisted as the deficit drifted above 6% of GDP in 2023. [568]*

interlocutor

- For months Mr Isaias has told foreign **interlocutors** that Ethiopia is planning an **assault** on the harbour. [319]

sacrosanct

- As taxes in most EU member countries are already high and social spending seemingly **sacrosanct**, the easiest way for national governments to quickly pay for more defence is to borrow the money first. [368]

fortuitous

- A **prototype** was built in short order by a firm interested in batteries for the frozen-food sector, a **fortuitous** journey from haddock to **espionage**. [376]

dreary

- It was a typical British summer, when even the Pembrokeshire coast looked **dreary**; but he was in heaven, whacking limestone rocks. [648]

wince

- That will surely make the industry's cashmere-clad bosses **wince**. [496]

putative

- In Australia—but not only there—ever-tougher questions are asked about the values and work ethics of **putative** refugees. [456]

scuttle

- Most **scuttled** on the floors of silent seas, but some swam in deeper water. [649]

flout

- The White House was accused of **flouting** the order by going ahead and deporting the Venezuelans to a prison in El Salvador. [003]

recoil

- It would be easy to **recoil** from a project that is filled with cranks and has uncomfortable echoes of the **eugenics** movement of the early 20th century. [023]

fleece (v.)

- Some of its ideas look genuinely promising, some are honest long shots and many are designed to **fleece gullible** customers of their money. [031]

chimera

- *On the contrary, if in pursuit of this **chimera** Mr Trump eases the pressure the West has imposed on Russia, America will lose. [040]*

deferential

- *The Alien Enemies Act is drafted broadly and is **deferential** to the president, as is true of most emergency powers. [050]*

fiat

- *Even if rent rises can be contained by **fiat**, landlords obtain more power in other ways—why spend on maintaining a property, for example, if there is a long queue to replace your tenants? [058]*

onerous

- *It is part of a special economic zone with less **onerous** regulation than the rest of Honduras. [103]*

rescind

- *The government of Honduras, however, is trying to **rescind** Próspera's special status. [105]*

purview

- *"The FDA is a great organisation, but ultimately, there are many things and compounds outside of the **purview** of the current rules, because it's not designed for this rule set." He understands that Mr Trump's administration is already considering loosening regulations around the use of anabolic steroids, for instance, making life easier for bodybuilders. [115]*

decadence

- *This critique is shared by Russian justifiers of Mr Putin, who see an alliance against the **decadence** and depravity of liberalism. [128]*

ordinance

- *That looks set to change thanks to the city council passing a bold new **ordinance** last month. [146]*

wanton

- Reasonably, many people feared it might have repeated the original sin of the opioid **epidemic**, allowing the **wanton** prescription of an addictive drug. [162]

hanker

- Those who **hanker** for the good old days see the **demise** of the starry residency as a supply problem. [169]

extradite

- And on February 27th she took the unprecedented step of **extraditing** 29 **alleged** Mexican drug-traffickers to the United States. [191]

pilfer

- Kim Seung-joo, from Korea University's school of cybersecurity, worries that North Korea's infiltration of the global tech sector positions the rogue state to **pilfer** corporate secrets or build back doors into trusted Western-based software that can be used for future cyber-attacks. [242]

rapport

- And the strongmen leading the two countries clearly have a **rapport**. [243]

bandy

- But after Aadhaar made unique IDs sexy, bureaucrats at obscure departments started **bandying** the term about and building their own ID systems. [253]

berserk

- It's gone completely **berserk**," says one expert on tech policy. [254]

hiatus

- The two countries resumed their defence dialogue in February after a **hiatus** of six years. [270]

diatribe

- BlackRock's offer represented a large **premium** on ckh's market value: its share price rose by 22% on the day the deal was announced (and closed down by 6% after the first Ta Kung Pao **diatribe**). [288]

disgorge

- They can be joined to make one vast bridge allowing larger vessels to **disgorge** troops and tanks onto the barges further offshore. [298]

schism

- On the face of it, the coup attempt is a deepening of the **schism** in the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the region's ruling party. [312]

rile

- Her case is also **riling** up women beyond parliament. [321]

grouse

- **Entrepreneurs grouse** about a lack of skills among the young, not surprising since civil war destroyed most schools. [324]

reconnaissance

- Still, Russian **reconnaissance** groups of up to 30 men have already been seen in some Ukrainian border villages. [349]

fritter

- One danger is that the probable incoming government of CDU/CSU and SPD, nicknamed Kleiko (small coalition), might **fritter** away extra deficit-spending headroom on tax cuts. [358]

amenable

- Many of the technologies the spies need most are not **amenable** to traditional venture capital. [379]

flabby

- "We're in that **flabby** middle bit—not sufficiently concentrated and not sufficiently big." [382]

devolve

- On March 5th its managing director, Nigel MacVean, told Northern Ireland's **devolved** Assembly that the order meant it "will continue to grow rapidly". [405]

cataract

- *Its health service cancelled drastically more hip, knee, **cataract** and mastectomy procedures. [422]*

invidious

- *The mismatch between the **legacy** of covid and Britons' willingness to hear about it makes for **invidious** politics. [427]*

furlough

- *Ask Rishi Sunak: at a general-election debate in Grimsby he blamed Britain's high tax burden on the covid-era **furlough** scheme, which at £70bn (2.9% of GDP in 2021) was among the most generous in the world; he was met with groans. [428]*

cipher

- *In one **audacious** operation from the 1970s to the 1990s, for example, the CIA and Germany's BND secretly co-owned a leading manufacturer of **cipher** machines, selling nobbled devices to unsuspecting states. [436]*

spat (n.)

- *In 1973 Henry Kissinger, then national security adviser, demanded that America should exclude Britain to punish it for a **spat** over Middle East policy. [440]*

inculcate

- *A government offer of visas to Palestinians from Gaza has proved "very controversial", he adds, amid concerns that some may have been **inculcated** with the extremist ideology of Hamas. [458]*

nefarious

- *Growing ownership of hospitals by private-equity (PE) firms is also sometimes viewed as a **nefarious** influence. [490]*

adjudicate

- *Provided there is a deadline and a decision-maker to **adjudicate**, this process is still better than what came before. [505]*

asunder

- *Its business model is splitting **asunder**, say Western bosses.* [508]

alacrity

- *As interest rates have risen, so has the value of **alacrity**.* [515]

draconian

- *Their confidence was shattered by **draconian** covid-19 lockdowns and has never recovered.* [533]

secular

- *The tendency to hoard has contributed to a bout of **secular** stagnation, according to Adam Wolfe of Absolute Strategy Research, a consultancy.* [534]

tipple

- *Social media have played an important role in making Guinness a fashionable **tipple**, even among women.* [617]

ennui

- *Rich people sit around in delicious **ennui**.* [630]

meretricious

- *Spouting white-supremacist claptrap and **bogus** moralising, Tom Buchanan is a cheat and a bully—on whom breeding and background **confer** a social status and **meretricious** ease that Gatsby's **brash** wealth cannot buy.* [634]

pathos

- *The author's elegant, stripped-back prose powers a narrative rich in insight and **pathos**.* [644]

fawn (v.)

- *Rather than publicly challenging Mr Trump's broadsides against the European Union or questioning his plan to seize Gaza and expel its Palestinian inhabitants, Mr Martin ducked or **fawned**.* [663]

conflagration

- *Macmillan cautioned against invading Cuba, which might have triggered a nuclear **conflagration**.* [670]