Word Quest 4

List 15 · History and the past

Vocabulary and example	Write it

Catholic adj./n. /ˈkæθlɪk/

belonging to the Christian church led by the Pope

Family: Catholics **Use it with:** the Catholic Church **Tip:** Always a capital C.

The town has an old **Catholic** church.

chapel n. /ˈʧæpl/

a small church, or a room for praying

Family: chapels

The castle has its own **chapel**.

civilian n. /sɪˈvɪlɪən/

a person who is not in the army

Family: civilians

Many **civilians** left the city during the war.

colony n. /ˈkɒləni/

a country controlled by another country; also, a group of animals living together

Family: colonies · colonial (adj.) **Use it with:** an ant colony

Hong Kong was once a British **colony**.

combat n./v. /ˈkɒmbæt/

fighting, especially in war

Family: combats · combated

The soldiers had no **combat** experience.

conquer v. /ˈkɒŋkə/

to take control of a place by force

Family: conquers · conquered · conquest (n.)

The Mongols **conquered** a huge empire.

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dynasty n. /ˈdɪnəsti/

a series of rulers from the same family

Family: dynasties

The Ming **dynasty** built much of the Great Wall.

emperor n. /ˈempərə/

the ruler of an empire

Family: emperors · empress (f.)

Qin Shi Huang was China's first **emperor**.

heritage n. /ˈherɪtɪdʒ/

the history, buildings and traditions of a country

Use it with: cultural heritage

The Forbidden City is a world **heritage** site.

invade v. /ɪnˈveɪd/

to enter a country with an army to take control

Family: invades · invaded · invader (n.) · invasion (n.)

The army **invaded** the country in spring.

invasion n. /ɪnˈveɪʒn/

entering a place with an army to take control

Family: invasions

The **invasion** began at dawn.

medieval adj. /ˈmediːvl/

about the Middle Ages, about 500–1500 AD in Europe

We visited a **medieval** castle in England.

military adj./n. /ˈmɪlɪtəri/

about soldiers and the army

Use it with: military base

He did two years of **military** service.

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monarch n. /ˈmɒnək/

a king or queen

Family: monarchs · monarchy (n.)

Elizabeth II was Britain's longest-ruling **monarch**.

pharaoh n. /ˈfeərəʊ/

a king of ancient Egypt

Family: pharaohs **Tip:** Pronounced FAIR-oh.

The **pharaoh** was buried in a pyramid.

pioneer n. /paɪəˈnɪə/

one of the first people to do something new

Family: pioneers

She was a **pioneer** of women's football in China.

retreat v./n. /rɪˈtriːt/

(of an army) to move back, away from the enemy

Family: retreats · retreated

The soldiers **retreated** across the river.

sacred adj. /ˈseɪkrɪd/

holy; very important in a religion

The mountain is **sacred** to the local people.

spear n. /spɪə/

a long stick with a sharp point, used as a weapon

Family: spears

The hunters threw their **spears**.

throne n. /θrəʊn/

the special chair of a king or queen

Family: thrones

The emperor sat on a golden **throne**.

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troops n. /truːps/ soldiers **Family:** troop (sing.) The **troops** marched into the city.	
warrior n. /ˈwɒrɪə/ a brave fighter, especially in the past **Family:** warriors The Terracotta **Warriors** are in Xi'an.	

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