# Word Quest 6

List 17 · History and the past

| Vocabulary and example | Write it |
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| **admiral** n. /ˈædmɜːrəl/<br>a very senior officer in the navy<br>**Family:** admirals<br>**Admiral** Zheng He led huge fleets across the ocean. | |
| **afterlife** n. /ˈæftəlaɪf/<br>life after death, in some beliefs<br>The Egyptians prepared carefully for the **afterlife**. | |
| **Almighty** n./adj. /ɒlˈmaɪti/<br>God; also, very powerful<br>**Tip:** With a capital A when it means God.<br>People prayed to the **Almighty** for rain. | |
| **archeological** adj. /ˌɑːkɪəˈlɒdʒɪkl/<br>about the study of ancient remains<br>**Family:** archeology (n.) **Tip:** British English writes “archaeological”.<br>The **archeological** site is over 3,000 years old.<br>3,000 | |
| **artifact** n. /ˈɑːtɪfækt/<br>an object made by people long ago<br>**Family:** artifacts **Tip:** British English often writes “artefact”.<br>The museum displays **artifacts** from the Tang dynasty. | |
| **chronicle** n./v. /ˈkrɒnɪkl/<br>a written record of events in time order<br>**Family:** chronicles · chronicled<br>The monk wrote a **chronicle** of the war. | |



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**conquest** n. /ˈkɒŋkwest/

taking control of a place by force

**Family:** conquests · conquer (v.)

The Spanish **conquest** of Mexico began in 1519.

1519

**destiny** n. /ˈdestɪni/

what will happen to someone, which seems decided already

**Family:** destinies

She believed it was her **destiny** to become a doctor.

**excavate** v. /ˈekskəveɪt/

to dig carefully to find old objects

**Family:** excavates · excavated · excavation (n.)

Archaeologists **excavated** an ancient tomb.

**folklore** n. /ˈfəʊklɔː/

the traditional stories and beliefs of a people

Dragons are important in Chinese **folklore**.

**genocide** n. /ˈdʒenəsaɪd/

killing a whole national, ethnic or religious group

**Tip:** A very serious word.

The world must never forget the **genocide** of the Second World War.

**guerilla** n./adj. /ɡeˈrɪlə/

a member of a small fighting group that is not a regular army

**Family:** guerillas **Tip:** Also spelled “guerrilla”.

**Guerilla** fighters hid in the mountains.

**imperial** adj. /ɪmˈpɪərɪəl/

about an empire or emperor

**Family:** empire (n.)

The **imperial** palace is now a museum.



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**lieutenant** n. /lefˈtenənt/

a junior officer in the army or navy

**Family:** lieutenants **Tip:** British: lef-TEN-ant; American: loo-TEN-ant.

The **lieutenant** led his men across the river.

**majesty** n. /ˈmædʒɪsti/

great beauty and power; also, a title for a king or queen

**Family:** majestic (adj.) **Use it with:** Your Majesty

We admired the **majesty** of the mountains.

**martial** adj. /ˈmɑːʃl/

about fighting or war

**Use it with:** martial arts · martial law

He studies **martial** arts.

**mobilize** v. /ˈməʊbɪlaɪz/

to get people ready for action

**Family:** mobilizes · mobilized · mobilization (n.) **Tip:** British English also writes “mobilise”.

The government **mobilized** the army.

**monastery** n. /ˈmɒnæstəri/

a place where monks live

**Family:** monasteries

We visited a **monastery** in Tibet.

**omen** n. /ˈəʊmen/

a sign of what will happen in the future

**Family:** omens

A black cat is a bad **omen** in some countries.



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**oracle** n. /ˈɒrəkl/

in ancient times, a person or place giving advice from the gods

**Family:** oracles **Use it with:** oracle bones

The king asked the **oracle** about the war.

**parish** n. /ˈpærɪʃ/

an area with its own church and priest

**Family:** parishes

The **parish** church is 800 years old.

800

**prophecy** n. /ˈprɒfəsi/

a statement that something will happen in the future

**Family:** prophecies · prophesy (v.)

The **prophecy** said a hero would come.

**scribe** n. /skraɪb/

in the past, a person who copied documents by hand

**Family:** scribes

The **scribe** copied the book in beautiful writing.

**shrine** n. /ʃraɪn/

a holy place

**Family:** shrines

People left flowers at the **shrine**.

**supernatural** adj. /ˌsuːpəˈnætʃərəl/

that cannot be explained by nature or science

Ghosts are **supernatural** beings.

**superstition** n. /ˈsuːpəstɪʃn/

a belief in luck or magic not based on reason

**Family:** superstitions · superstitious (adj.)

It's a **superstition** that the number 4 is unlucky.

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| **telegraph** n. /ˈtelɪgræf/<br>an old system for sending messages through wires<br>News of the war came by **telegraph**. | |



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