

- **A.D.** = after the birth of Christ
- **abbey** = a large church, where monks and nuns used to live
- **alongside** = next to
- **although** = while
- **artefact** = an object that was made in the past and is historically important
- **artificial** = man-made
- **attempt** = try
- **attract** = catch the attention of, make people come
- **attraction** = sight
- **bank** = side of a river
- **barrier** = an object that keeps something out
- **behead** = to cut off someone's head
- **billboard** = large sign used for advertisements
- **brick** = a hard block of baked clay used for building houses
- **broad** = wide
- **budget airlines** = airlines that sell cheaper tickets and do not have as much service as other, larger airlines
- **bury** = to put a dead person in a grave
- **capital** = an important city, where the government is
- **cargo** = goods
- **cause** = lead to, produce
- **celebration** = festival, big party
- **celebrity** = famous person who is in the media very often
- **century** = a hundred years
- **ceremony** = an important event that is performed in a certain way
- **chime** = ring
- **coast** = place where the sea and land meet
- **colonial power** = big country that has many colonies all over the world
- **common sight** = something that can be seen very often
- **commuter** = someone who travels a long distance to work every day
- **concentrate** = many things come together here
- **conqueror** = a person who invades a country by fighting
- **consist of** = is made up of
- **construction** = building
- **consumer goods** = products that we buy for everyday use
- **contain** = to have in it
- **course of history** = as time goes on
- **crowded** = very many people are in a small place
- **crown** = to become king
- **decade** = ten years
- **decrease** = go down
- **defeat** = beat someone in a fight or battle
- **dense** = complex
- **disaster** = a sudden event that causes a lot of damage
- **display** = exhibition, to show something
- **district** = area of a town or city
- **dome** = round roof of a large building
- **economic** = everything connected with the production of goods, trading and money
- **emerge** = come up, appear
- **empire** = a group of countries or colonies controlled by one ruler
- **entrance** = place where you go in
- **especially** = above all
- **exhibit** = an object that is shown in a public place so that people can go and see it
- **expansion** = growth
- **explorer** = someone who travels to an unknown place and tries to find out something about it
- **face** = deal with
- **Ferris wheel** = a very large wheel with cabins in which people can ride
- **fleet** = the ships that belong to the navy of a country
- **flood** = to cover with water
- **former** = in the past, ex-
- **fortress** = a large strong building that is used for defending an important place
- **found** = start, create
- **fountain** = structure from which water is pumped into the air
- **gateway** = here: a city that connects cities in other countries
- **gather** = get together
- **globe** = world
- **green belt** = an area of land around a city where building houses is not allowed
- **handle** = (1) control, deal with a job  
(2) load and unload
- **harbour** = place where ships load and unload goods and products

- **headquarters** = main building of a company or bank
- **heavy** = here: very hard
- **hemisphere** = half of the Earth
- **host** = to organize events
- **impressive** = exciting, great
- **in honour of** = to show that you respect someone
- **include** = a part of something larger
- **incoming** = arriving, coming in
- **influence** = to have an effect on
- **inhabited** = to live in a place
- **invade** = to enter a country with an army and take control of it
- **junction** = crossroads; place where two or more roads meet
- **landmark** = an important building or sight that you recognize at once
- **located** = situated, to be found
- **main** = most important
- **megacity** = a very big city with millions of people
- **millennium** = when a new 1000-year period begins
- **monarch** = king or queen
- **money supply** = all the money that exists in a country
- **multicultural** = people from a lot of countries with many different languages and religions
- **naval** = marine; everything that has to do with the navy
- **overseas** = in another country that is across the ocean
- **pace** = speed
- **performance** = when you play music or act in front of people
- **performer** = a person who acts or sings in order to entertain people and make them happy
- **plague** = a very serious illness that killed many people during the Middle Ages
- **planetarium** = a building with a curved roof; lights show how planets and stars move
- **plaza** = public square or place with buildings around it
- **pour** = flow
- **prime meridian** = a line from the North to the South Pole that divides the Earth into an eastern and a western half; the Earth's time zones also start from here.
- **prison** = place where you keep people because they have done something wrong or broken the law
- **protect** = guard
- **public transport** = buses, trains, subways that everyone can use
- **rapid** = fast
- **raven** = a large shiny black bird
- **reconstruct** = build again
- **repeatedly** = over and over again
- **residence** = place where someone lives
- **responsible** = here: the job of an institution
- **revitalize** = to make something new; to put new energy into a place
- **row** = to make a boat move across water with wooden paddles
- **royal** = something that belongs to the king or the queen
- **settle** = to start living in a new place
- **settlement** = a new town in a place where few people have lived before
- **site** = place where something once stood
- **situated** = located
- **size** = how big something is
- **steadily** = slowly, little by little
- **strike—struck** = hit
- **suburb** = area where people live, outside the city centre
- **tide** = the rising and falling of the sea
- **tourist-related** = everything that has to do with tourism
- **traffic** = here: the landing and taking off of planes
- **traffic jam** = a long line of cars on the street that move along very slowly
- **tribe** = group of people of the same race; they have the same customs, traditions and language
- **turn** = to move completely around one time
- **unemployment** = to be out of work or have no job
- **value** = how much something is worth
- **walkway** = a path that connects two objects, usually high above the ground
- **wharf** = an object that is built out into the water so that boats and ships can stop next to it