

- **age** = era, time
- **agree** = to think in the same way
- **ahead** = in front of
- **almanac** = a book that is written every year and has information about many things
- **announce** = to make known to all the people
- **apostles** = the twelve people that Jesus chose to teach his religion
- **appear** = (1) here : come into view, show (2) look
- **art** = paintings and drawings
- **betray** = to be disloyal to a friend who trusts you
- **ceiling** = the top part of a room
- **century** = a hundred years
- **Christianity** = religion based on the life and beliefs of Jesus Christ
- **citizen** = someone who lives in a city or a country and has all the rights there
- **city council** = a group of people who govern a city
- **city state** = a country that is made up of a city and the land around it
- **cloth** = material used for making clothes
- **coin** = a piece of metal that is used as money
- **conquer** = to control a country by fighting
- **decrease** = reduce, to become less, to go down
- **design** = to plan something
- **discover** = to find something for the first time
- **display** = show
- **dissect** = to cut up the body of a dead person or animal
- **drawing** = diagrams
- **duke** = a man with the highest social rank, but not part of a royal family
- **dye** = to change the colour of something, especially cloth or clothes
- **economic depression** = a time when people do not have jobs and have very little money to spend
- **emerge** = appear, come up
- **empire** = a very big country controlled by a king or queen
- **endure** = here : make
- **engineer** = a person who plans and builds roads, bridges and other objects
- **era** = time, age
- **explore** = to travel to a place and find out something about it
- **fit** = to have the right size or shape
- **Florentine** = from Florence
- **foreign** = from another country
- **found** = create
- **freedom** = if you are allowed to do many things that you want
- **general education** = you learn many things in different subjects
- **golden mean** = mathematical ratios and how they relate to each other
- **goods** = products
- **government** = the people who rule a country
- **growth** = if something gets bigger ; to develop, increase
- **guide** = lead
- **guild** = a group of people who have the same job
- **in need of** = something is very necessary
- **in return** = as a reward for something
- **independent** = free, to govern yourself
- **instead of** = in something's place
- **invent** = to make something new
- **invention** = a new machine or object
- **ivory** = the hard yellowish white material from an elephant's teeth
- **journey** = trip
- **map** = a drawing of a country that shows where the cities, lakes, roads, or rivers are
- **mass** = church ceremony, mostly on Sundays

- **mechanics** = the science that is about how force and power work on an object
- **merchant** = a person who buys and sells things
- **monastery** = a place where monks live
- **monk** = a man who lives in a religious group with others, usually in a monastery
- **navigator** = a person on a ship who tells you which way to go
- **nobleman** = a man who is a member of the highest social class and has a title
- **outline** = the line around something that shows what it looks like
- **parachute** = it lets you jump out of an airplane and slows you down when you fall to the ground
- **perspective** = way of drawing that makes things look closer or farther away from each other
- **philosopher** = a person who studies ideas about nature, truth, good and evil
- **plague** = an illness that leads to death and spreads very quickly
- **poetry** = poems
- **post** = to put on
- **printing press** = a machine that prints newspapers and books
- **proportion** = relationship
- **prosper** = grow, become popular
- **protect** = defend, guard
- **publishing boom** = a lot of books were sold, and many people bought them
- **rapidly** = very quickly
- **realism** = as things are in real life
- **rebirth** = when something becomes strong and popular again
- **romance** = a love story
- **scholar** = an intelligent person
- **science** = what we know about nature and the world by looking at the facts
- **sculpture** = an object made out of stone, wood or another material by an artist
- **service** = work that you do for someone
- **shade** = the darker places in a picture
- **shape** = the form that something has
- **silk** = thin, smooth cloth made from thread that is produced by the silkworm
- **silk merchant** = a person who buys and sells silk
- **source of income** = the work you get your money from
- **spices** = powder or seeds from plants that we use to give food a special taste
- **spin- spun** = to make cotton or wool into thread
- **spread** = to move from one place to another
- **studies** = to learn something at a college or university
- **successful** = to have the result that you wanted
- **symmetrical** = an object that has two parts of the same form and size
- **tank** = a kind of large car that runs on two metal belts and has a large gun on it
- **technique** = a special way of doing something
- **throughout** = in all of
- **tip** = end
- **topic** = subject
- **trade** = to buy and sell things
- **trader** = same as "merchant"
- **tradespeople** = people who buy or sell goods
- **wealth** = being rich
- **wealthy** = rich
- **worldly** = about normal life and not religion
- **worship** = pray
- **woven** = to make cloth, carpets, or baskets by crossing pieces of thread under and over each other by hand