

THEME: ARCHITECTURE VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ARCHITRAVE** – the moulded frame round a doorway
Synonym – crutches; posts
Antonym- N.A
- 2. CAPITAL** – the topmost member of a column
Synonym – pillar; obelisk
Antonym- base, foundation
- 3. CORNICE** – moulding that crowns a building
Synonym – drip; frame
Antonym- fluting, cavity
- 4. CUPOLA** – a rounded dome forming a roof
Synonym – dome; belfry
Antonym- N.A
- 5. DORIC** – one of the Greek orders of architecture
Synonym – classic; humanistic
Antonym- modern; unclassical
- 6. EMBRASURE** – outward splay of a window
Synonym – indent; cranny
Antonym- closure, continuation
- 7. ENTABLATURE** – horizontal upper section of a classical building
Synonym – pilaster; pediment
Antonym- shaft; socle
- 8. FAÇADE** – an exterior wall of a building
Synonym – front; exterior
Antonym- back, reverse
- 9. FRIEZE** – a decoration high up on the walls
Synonym – daises; podiums
Antonym- incorporeal
- 10. ROCOCO** – a style of baroque architecture
Synonym – ornate; fancy
Antonym- plain

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. ROCOCO | a) classic | b) ornate | c) gothic | d) modern |
| 2. ARCHITRAVE | a) crutches | b) podiums | c) obelisk | d) exterior |
| 3. CUPOLA | a) drip | b) cranny | c) dome | d) shaft |
| 4. FRIEZE | a) podium | b) roof | c) dome | d) wall |
| 5. ENTABLATURE | a) column | b) front | c) moderate | d) pilaster |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. DORIC | a) classical | b) human | c) unclassical | d) unique |
| 2. CORNICE | a) serious | b) cavity | c) exterior | d) intricate |
| 3. CAPITAL | a) money | b) base | c) pillar | d) economy |
| 4. EMBRASURE | a) indent | b) closure | c) cranny | d) drip |
| 5. FACADE | a) rear | b) ornate | c) crutches | d) plain |

EXERCISE 3

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APROPRIATE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY LIST

1. The _____ is threefold and bears a _____ with lion-heads, on which rest a moulding.
2. In the _____ and _____ carvings of sun and stars remain in the walls of the palace.
3. She leant against the _____ of the window, and read the book about the _____ style architecture.
4. The _____ order is characterized by the series of triglyphs and metopes on the _____.
5. The _____, flanked by two towers with _____, is decorated with statues and sculptures.