

# THEME: POLITICS

# VOCABULARY

## WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ABSOLUTISM** – a system where leader has all the power  
**Synonym** – authoritarianism; autocracy  
**Antonym**- democratic; limited
- 2. CAPITALISM** – a system based on private ownership  
**Synonym** – individualism, laissez-faire  
**Antonym** – communism, socialism
- 3. COLLECTIVISM** – theory related to communism  
**Synonym** – socialism; totalitarianism  
**Antonym**- individualism
- 4. DESPOTISM** – exercising of absolute authority  
**Synonym** – tyranny; oppression  
**Antonym**- democracy
- 5. DICTATORSHIP** – rule by a dictator  
**Synonym** – autarchy; monarchy  
**Antonym**- democracy
- 6. FEUDALISM** - relating to the feudal system  
**Synonym** – bondage; captivity  
**Antonym**- freedom; liberty
- 7. FRANCHISE** – the right to vote  
**Synonym** – prerogative; authorisation  
**Antonym**- disenfranchisement
- 8. IMPERIALISM** – extending power and dominion  
**Synonym** – colonialism; expansionism  
**Antonym**- anti-imperialism; nationalism
- 9. POPULISM** – supporting rights of ordinary people  
**Synonym** – socialist, egalitarian  
**Antonym**- elitism; repression
- 10. SOVEREIGN** – possessing supreme power  
**Synonym** – supreme, absolute  
**Antonym**- ineffective; useless

# EXERCISES

## EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. FEUDALISM    | a) autocracy   | b) bondage     | c) authorised  | d) socialism |
| 2. COLLECTIVISM | a) neglect     | b) socialism   | c) elitism     | d) useless   |
| 3. POPULISM     | a) tyranny     | b) egalitarian | c) nationalism | d) absolute  |
| 4. SOVEREIGN    | a) ineffective | b) colonialism | c) supreme     | d) liberty   |
| 5. DICTATORSHIP | a) aristocracy | b) democracy   | c) autarchy    | d) bondage   |

## EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1. ABSOLUTISM  | a) democratic       | b) patriarch   | c) autocracy     | d) elitism |
| 2. CAPITALISM  | a) laissez-faire    | b) democrat    | c) communism     | d) design  |
| 3. DESPOTISM   | a) democracy        | b) sensitivity | c) prerogative   | d) captive |
| 4. FRANCHISE   | a) disenfranchise   | b) authorise   | c) tyranny       | d) liberal |
| 5. IMPERIALISM | a) anti-imperialism | b) repression  | c) individualism | d) order   |

## EXERCISE 3

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

1. The Chinese people had yet to fulfill their historical task of overthrowing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The historical thesis is clear - Bourgeois domesticity and consumer \_\_\_\_\_ have replaced \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The constitution provided broad electoral \_\_\_\_\_ and proclaimed that the country is a \_\_\_\_\_ state.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ runs off of \_\_\_\_\_ and the tyrant rules with an iron fist
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is supporting the rights of ordinary people, while \_\_\_\_\_ is exercising absolute authority.