

- **act of revenge** = something you do to punish someone who has harmed you
- **advance** = march forward
- **agree** = to say yes to something
- **agreement** = when two people, groups or countries promise to do something
- **aircraft carrier** = ship that planes can fly from and land on
- **airfield** = a smaller airport where military planes take off and land
- **alliance** = when two or more countries agree to work together
- **Allied** = belonging to the countries that fought against Germany and Japan in World War II
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- **amount** = how much of something
- **appoint** = to choose someone for a position or job
- **arise** = to come up, begin
- **arrest** = if a person is taken to a police station because they may have done something against the law
- **art** = paintings and drawings that show the ideas of a painter
- **artillery** = large guns that are moved on wheels or fixed in a place
- **at once** = quickly, right now
- **attack** = an act of using weapons against an enemy in a war
- **attempt** = try
- **attention** = concentration, interest
- **Axis** = the countries that fought together against the Allies in World War II (Germany, Japan, Italy and others)
- **ban** = forbid
- **battle** = a fight between armies in a war
- **battle line** = the line that separates two fighting armies
- **BBC** = British Broadcasting System
- **beliefs** = ideas
- **billion** = one thousand million
- **blame** = to say that a person is responsible for something bad
- **border** = line between two regions or countries
- **broadcast** = here: to send a message over the radio
- **bunker** = a strong underground building that is built for soldiers and officers
- **capture** = to catch a person and keep them as prisoner or to take control of
- **cargo** = the goods that are carried on a ship or a plane
- **cause** = lead to, reason for
- **chancellor** = the leader of a government
- **chant** = to say a phrase or a word again and again
- **charter** = a set of rules that countries agree on
- **cheer up** = to make happy if you are sad
- **childhood** = the time when you are a child
- **citizen** = a person who lives in a country and has rights there
- **civil war** = war between two groups of the same country
- **civilian** = a person who is not a soldier in a war
- **claim** = declare, to say in public
- **command** = to tell soldiers to do something; to be the leader of an army

- **commando** = a soldier who is trained to make special attacks
- **commit suicide** = to kill yourself
- **concentrate** = focus on
- **concentration camp** = a place where people are kept prisoners and treated badly
- **conquer** = to take control of land by fighting
- **conquest** = take-over ; to take control of a region by fighting
- **constantly** = always
- **constitution** = the set of laws that a country has
- **convince** = persuade
- **convoy** = group of ships that are travelling together
- **counterattack** = an attack you make against someone who has attacked you in a war
- **courage** = to be brave and show that you are not afraid in a dangerous situation
- **create** = make, start
- **crowd** = a large group of people
- **damage** = the harm that you do to something or someone
- **death camp** = place where a large number of prisoners are killed or die
- **declare war** = to say that you are officially at war with a country
- **defeat** = to win against somebody or another country
- **defence lines** = the front line that a country uses to stop enemy soldiers
- **defend** = protect, guard
- **desert** = a large area of dry and hot land
- **desperately** = badly, very much
- **destroy, destruction** = to damage completely
- **destroyer** = a small fast military ship with guns
- **develop** = make
- **disabled** = someone who cannot use a part of their body
- **disagree** = to have a different opinion , to quarrel
- **discover** = to find something or someone
- **disease** = illness
- **distribute** = give out, send
- **divide** = split, break up into
- **divide up** = to give a part of something to two or more countries
- **economic** = everything connected with business and the economy; the buying and selling of goods
- **economy** = the system of buying and selling goods in a country
- **effective** = useful, helpful
- **elect** = to choose someone for an official position
- **emblem** = a picture or object that is used to show a country, organization or a party
- **emerge** = come up
- **empire** = a group of countries that is controlled by a ruler or a king
- **enemy** = the country you are fighting against
- **enormous** = massive, a lot
- **escape** = to get away from
- **escort** = a ship that travels with another one to protect it
- **especially** = above all
- **eventually** = finally, in the end

- **evidence** = facts that show that something exists or is true
- **evil** = bad
- **exile** = if a person leaves their own country and goes to another country for political reasons
- **expand** = to grow, get bigger
- **factory** = building where products are produced
- **false** = wrong
- **Fascism** = a system in which people's lives are completely controlled by the state ; no other opinions are allowed
- **fierce** = violent, strong, intense
- **fleet** = a group of ships that belongs to the navy of a country
- **focus** = concentrate on
- **follower** = someone who supports the ideas of a leader
- **food supplies** = the food people need to survive
- **forbid-forbade-forbidden** = not allow
- **force** = to make someone do something
- **forces** = soldiers
- **foreign** = from another country
- **found** = make or create something new
- **front** = line that separates you from your enemy
- **frostbite** = when it is very cold and your fingers and toes swell and become darker; sometimes they even fall off
- **fuel** = coal, gas or oil that can be burned to make heat
- **gain** = grow, increase, get
- **gate** = a part of a wall that you can open to enter or leave
- **gather** = bring together
- **Gestapo** = the secret police force in Germany during the Nazi period
- **get rid of** = to kill people that they don't want any more
- **goods** = things that are produced so that they can be sold
- **government** = people who rule a country
- **Great Depression** = period after the stock market crash of 1929 ; the time before the Second World War in which millions of people all over the world were out of work and many were poor
- **greatness** = here: being important and powerful
- **gypsy** = a group of people who originally come from India and wander around in caravans and today live all over the world
- **halt** = stop
- **hand over** = to give something to somebody
- **hardships** = things that make your life difficult
- **harsh** = very bad and difficult
- **head for** = to go for
- **hometown** = country where someone is born
- **homeless** = without a home
- **hooked** = curved , bent
- **horror** = a feeling of shock and fear
- **illegal** = against the law, not allowed
- **in debt** = when you owe someone money

- **in honour** = to show respect for someone
- **in spite of** = without being affected by
- **increasingly** = more and more
- **inflation** = when prices go up and the value of money goes down
- **injury** = if you are hurt
- **inland** = in a direction away from the coast into the centre of a country
- **install** = set up
- **instead** = in something's place
- **intense** = very strong
- **invade** = to enter a country and take control of it
- **invasion** = when an army of a country enters another country and takes control of it
- **Jew** = member of a group of people who come from ancient Hebrews; many of them live in Israel
- **labour camp** = a prison camp where prisoners have to do hard work
- **law and order** = situation in which people respect the law and follow the rules of a country
- **liberate** = to free
- **lock up** = to put in prison
- **long-range** = to be able to hit something that is a long distance away
- **loyal** = if you always help your friends
- **mainland** = the main area of a country, not the islands
- **major** = big, important
- **manage** = here: were able to do
- **Manchuria** = part of China
- **mark** = to be a sign of , to show where something is
- **mass killing** = to kill many people in a very short time
- **meanwhile** = in the time between two events
- **media** = radio, television and newspapers
- **memorial** = a kind of stone with writing on it ; it reminds you of people who have died
- **mentally** = everything that has to do with your brain
- **minor** = small
- **mistress** = a woman that a man has a sexual relationship with, but is not his wife
- **modernize** = to make more modern
- **motion picture** = movie, film
- **movement** = group of people who believe the same things and have the same ideas
- **naval base** = a place where military people work and where many ships are kept
- **navy** = part of a country's army that fights at sea
- **Nazi** = short word for National Socialist
- **Nobel Prize** = a prize that is given to a person for special things they have done.
- **non-Jewish** = not a Jew
- **notice** = a piece of paper with information
- **occupation** = when soldiers and other people enter a country and take control of it
- **occupy** = to enter a country with soldiers and stay there and control it for a longer time
- **officer** = someone who is in a high position in the army

- **once and for all** = here: finally
- **oppose** = to be against
- **outlaw** = forbid
- **outside world** = here: places outside of Germany
- **outstanding** = great, excellent, something special
- **overcrowded** = filled with too many people
- **overseas colonies** = countries that are controlled by their mother countries in other continents
- **overthrow** = to bring down; put an end to
- **paratrooper** = a soldier trained to jump out of plane using a parachute
- **Partisan** = soldier of a group who fights against the army of his country
- **pass a law** = to make a law
- **peace** = opposite of "war"
- **peace agreement** = when two people, groups or countries promise not to attack each other
- **persecute** = to treat someone unfairly
- **persuade** = convince; to make someone believe you
- **physically** = everything that has to do with your body
- **plant** = place, put
- **poison** = something that can lead to death or make you ill if you eat or drink it
- **popular** = liked by a lot of people
- **population** = the people of a country
- **possibility** = chance; something that might happen
- **poverty** = the situation of being poor
- **prison** = place where people go to when they have committed a crime
- **prison camp** = a special prison in which prisoners of war are kept
- **propaganda** = information that is wrong, tells lies or only a part of the truth
- **protect** = defend, guard
- **proud** = to feel satisfied and important
- **public** = for everyone
- **publish** = bring out
- **punish** = to make someone suffer because they have done something wrong
- **pure** = not mixed, real
- **race** = group of people who have the same skin colour
- **radiation** = the energy that comes out of an atomic bomb ; in large amounts it is dangerous to people
- **radio broadcast** = a programme on the radio
- **raw materials** = very important products that a country needs, like wood, oil, coal etc..
- **reach** = get to, arrive
- **realize** = to begin to understand something
- **receive** = get
- **recovery** = to get better
- **regime** = a government of a country; mostly one that was not elected in a fair way
- **release** = set free
- **reparation** = money which a country that loses a war has to pay for all the deaths and damages that it caused

- **replace** = to take the place of
- **rescue** = save, set free
- **resistance** = an organization that secretly fights against an enemy that controls their country
- **responsible** = to blame for something
- **restore order** = to stop crime and make people live in a peaceful way again
- **retreat** = to move back
- **revolutionary** = rebel
- **rights** = the things that you are officially allowed to do
- **rise -rose - risen** = go up, grow
- **routes** = here: roads, railway lines, canals, rivers
- **ruins** = what is left of a building or structure
- **rule** = govern
- **ruler** = leader
- **ruthless** = very cruel, brutal
- **satisfy** = to please, make happy
- **savings** = all the money that you have saved
- **scientist** = a person who is trained in science
- **secret** = something that only a few people know about
- **secure** = make safe
- **sentence** = the punishment that a judge gives a person
- **separate** = single, independent
- **serve** = here: to be President
- **set up** = open up, organize
- **shelter** = a place to live and sleep
- **shipyard** = a place where ships are built or repaired
- **shore** = coast
- **shower** = you stand under it and wash your body
- **sign** = to put your name on a document
- **slave** = someone who is owned by another person and works for them
- **slogan** = motto
- **smash** = here: to break through very fast
- **soldier** = person who fights for a country in a war
- **solution** = the answer to a problem
- **solve** = work out, find an answer to a problem
- **sonar** = machine on a ship or submarine that uses sound waves to find out where objects under water are
- **split** = to break apart
- **spread** = to go to
- **square kilometre** = one kilometre long in all directions
- **starvation** = suffer or die because you do not get any food
- **statesman** = a leader who is respected in his country and in other countries
- **strengthen** = to make stronger
- **strict** = here: very much, very badly
- **suburb** = an area of the city which is farther away from the centre
- **successful** = to be good at something
- **suffer** = to feel pain

- **supplies** = things that are necessary for daily life , like food, clothes, medicine etc..
- **support** = help, assist
- **supporter** = people who follow a leader and his group
- **surrender** = give up
- **surround** = to be around something, from all sides
- **survive** = to continue to live on after a dangerous situation
- **swastika** = the sign of the Nazi Party
- **synagogue** = a place where Jewish people meet to pray
- **take over** = to take control of
- **take place** = happen
- **take revenge** = something you do to punish someone who has hurt you
- **tank** = a heavy military car that moves on a metal belt. It has a large gun on its top
- **target** = object you want to attack
- **task** = job, mission
- **terrifying** = scary, horrible
- **territory** = land
- **Third Reich** = the period of Nazi government , led by Adolf Hitler from 1933 to 1945
- **threat** = danger
- **threaten** = to say that you will hurt someone if they do not do what you say
- **throughout** = in all of
- **tide turned** = here: the Japanese started losing battles
- **track down** = look for, find
- **treat** = care for
- **treaty** = a written document between two people or countries
- **troops** = soldiers
- **turning point** = here: the time when one army starts winning battles and the other starts losing them
- **typhus** = a disease carried by insects that live on the bodies of people and animals
- **urge** = persuade, to ask someone to do something
- **victory** = to win against someone
- **volunteer** = to do something without getting paid for it
- **war trial** = people who are responsible for war crimes are put before a court
- **weapons** = things that you use to fight against someone, like a bomb , knife or a gun
- **wheat** = food plant that white bread is made from
- **withdraw** = to move back
- **wolf pack** = here: a group of submarines that travel together and attack enemy ships
- **worthless** = not worth anything
- **Yalta** = city in southern Ukraine
- **yet** = but