

Conflict and warfare

VOCABULARY BANK

1 PEOPLE AND EVENTS

a Match the people and definitions.

ally /'ælaɪ/ casualties /'kæʒuəltɪz/
 civilians /sə'vɪliənz/ commander /kə'mɑːndə/
 forces /'fɔːsɪz/ refugees /refju'dʒiːz/
snipers /'snaɪpəz/ survivors /sə'vaɪvəz/
 troops /truːps/ the wounded /'wuːndɪd/

- casualties = people who have been killed or injured in a war
- _____ = people who are forced to leave their country or home because there is a war, or for political or religious reasons
- _____ = a group of people who have been trained to protect others, usually with weapons, e.g. *armed ~, security ~, peace-keeping ~*.
- _____ = soldiers in large groups
- _____ = an officer in charge of a military operation
- _____ = people who have been injured by weapons
- _____ = people who are not in the army, navy, or airforce
- _____ = people who shoot at others from a hidden position
- _____ = people who have managed to stay alive in a war
- _____ = in time of war, a country that has agreed to help and support another country

b Match the events and definitions.

ceasefire /'siːsfaɪə/ civil war /sɪvəl 'wɔː/
 coup /kuː/ rebellion /rɪ'beljən/
 revolution /ˌrevə'ljuːʃn/ siege /sɪdʒ/ treaty /'triːti/

- rebellion = an attempt by some of the people in a country to change their government, using violence
- _____ = a sudden change of government that is illegal and often violent
- _____ = when two armies agree to stop fighting temporarily
- _____ = when an army tries to take a city or building by surrounding it and stopping the food supply
- _____ = a war between groups of people in the same country
- _____ = a formal agreement between two or more countries.
- _____ = an attempt by a large number of people in a country to change their government

c  3.10 Listen and check your answers to a and b.



2 CONFLICT VERBS

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list in the correct form.

blow up break out capture declare defeat execute
 loot overthrow release retreat shell surrender

- The rebels overthrew the government. (= removed them from power using force)
- Fighting _____ between the rebels and the army. (= started)
- The army _____ the rebel positions. (= fired missiles at)
- The rebels _____. (= moved back, away from the army)
- Some of the rebels _____. (= admitted they had lost and wanted to stop fighting)
- The rebels _____ the airport runway. (= made it explode)
- The government _____ war on the rebels. (= announced their intention to go to war with them)
- Some rebels _____ the city. (= stole things from shops and buildings)
- The army _____ over 300 rebels. (= took them prisoner)
- They finally _____ the rebels. (= beat them)
- The army _____ most of the rebel prisoners. (= let them go)
- They _____ the rebel leader. (= killed him as a punishment)

b  3.11 Listen and check.

3 METAPHORICAL USES OF 'CONFLICT VERBS'

a Complete the sentences with a verb from 2 in the correct form.

- The fire broke out at 3.00 in the morning.
- The police have _____ details of the accident.
- The new princess has _____ the imagination of the public.
- I read the instructions three times, but they completely _____ me.
- The minister was arrested and forced to _____ his passport.
- A crisis has _____ over the new education policy.
- He _____ that he was in love with her.
- The flood water took a long time to _____ from the streets.

b  3.12 Listen and check.

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