Conflict and warfare

1 PEOPLE AND EVENTS

a Match the people and definitions.

ally /ˈælaɪ/ casualties /ˈkæʒuəltiz/
civilians /səˈvɪlɪənz/ commander /kəˈmɑːndə/
forces /ˈfɔːsɪz/ refugees /ˌrefjuˈdʒiːz/
snipers /ˈsnaɪpəz/ survivors /səˈvaɪvəz/
troops /truːpz/ the wounded /ˈwuːndɪd/

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

b Match the events and definitions.

ceasefire /ˈsiːsfaɪə/ civil war /ˌsɪvl ˈwɔː/
coup /kuː/ rebellion /rɪˈbeljən/
revolution /ˌrevəˈluːʃn/ siege /siːdʒ/ treaty /ˈtriːti/

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

1 The rebels *overthrew* the government. (= removed them from power using force)
2 Fighting _____ between the rebels and the army. (= started)
3 The army _____ the rebel positions. (= fired missiles at)
4 The rebels _____. (= moved back, away from the army)
5 Some of the rebels _____. (= admitted they had lost and wanted to stop fighting)
6 The rebels _____ the airport runway. (= made it explode)
7 The government _____ war on the rebels. (= announced their intention to go to war with them)
8 Some rebels _____ the city. (= stole things from shops and buildings)
9 The army _____ over 300 rebels. (= took them prisoner)
10 They finally _____ the rebels. (= beat them)
11 The army _____ most of the rebel prisoners. (= let them go)
12 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.

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

b 3.12 Listen and check.

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