NOUNS
1. courtyard – open space surrounded by walls
2. daybreak – the time when light first appears in the sky at the beginning of a day
3. dome – a hemispherical, or convex, roof, e.g. on a palace or cathedral
4. dusk – the period of the day after the sun has gone below the horizon but before the sky has become dark
5. emperor – a man who rules an empire
6. gate – an opening in a wall or fence
7. grave – a burial place in the ground, or another place of interment
8. inscription – a sequence of words or letters written, printed, or engraved on a surface
9. jewel – a precious stone, e.g. a diamond or sapphire
10. memorial – something that is intended to remind people of somebody who has died or an event in which people died, e.g. a statue, speech, or ceremony
11. minaret – a tall slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls the faithful to prayer
12. mystery – the quality of being strange, secret or puzzling
13. palace – a grand and imposing building that is the official residence of a king or queen, a head of state such as a president
14. pilgrim – somebody who goes on a journey to a holy place for religious reasons
15. platform – a raised level area of flooring
16. romance – a love affair, especially a brief and intense one
17. sunrise – the rising of the sun above the eastern horizon each morning
18. sunset – the setting of the Sun below the western horizon in the evening
19. tomb – a monument to a dead person, often built over the place where he or she is buried

VERBS
1. arrange – put somebody or something in order
2. blaze – to shine or appear to shine brightly
3. float – stay up in the air
4. glow – a soft warm reflected light
5. remain – to continue in a particular state without changing

ADJECTIVES
1. burial – the act or ceremony of putting a dead body into a grave
2. domed – something that resembles a dome in shape and position
3. peaceful – quiet, calm, and tranquil
4. pious – devoutly religious
5. silent – lacking any noise or sound
ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY TERMS USED in MUGHAL ARCHITECTURE

1. _chatri_ – domed kiosk; umbrella
2. _iwan_ – large arched recess, especially one containing an entrance
3. _jali_ – perforated stone screen which has Hindu origins. In Islam it is associated with tombs and in Rajput palaces with the _zenana_ or women’s quarters
4. _jharokha_ – small projecting balcony with columns supporting a hood
5. _mahal_ – palace; entire palace or an apartment within one
6. _masjid_ – ‘place of prostration’, mosque
7. _torana_ – gate
VOCABULARY – SYNONYM MATCH

Directions: Match the word on the left with the correct synonym on the right.

1. courtyard ______ ruler
2. daybreak ______ monument
3. dome ______ traveler
4. dusk ______ position
5. emperor ______ crypt
6. inscription ______ stay
7. memorial ______ devout
8. minaret ______ twilight
9. pilgrim ______ patio
10. sunrise ______ sunup
11. tomb ______ convex structure
12. arrange ______ engraved writing
13. glow ______ shine
14. remain ______ dawn
15. pious ______ tower
VOCABULARY

Directions: Use the correct *Taj Mahal* vocabulary word to complete each sentence.

1. The church walls ________________ in the candlelight.

2. Muslims know it is time to pray when they hear the prayer-caller’s voice coming from the top of the ________________.

3. The streetlights come on at ________________.

4. The ________________ young woman studied the Koran every night.

5. The Chinese ________________ Shi Huangdi built the Great Wall of China.

6. Eleanor Roosevelt ________________ in England for several years before returning to the U.S.

7. At ________________, the police began searching the woods for the lost child.

8. Our hotel room faced out on the ________________.

9. ________________ travel to Mecca in Saudi Arabia every year.

10. The ________________ at the base of the ________________ helps visitors identify the person that is being honored.

11. A farmer’s work begins at ________________.

12. The florist ________________ the flowers in the vase.

13. The ________________ on the Jefferson Memorial is made of white marble.

14. In some coastal areas dead people must be placed into a ________________ in order to keep the body from washing away in a storm.
## Taj Mahal Vocabulary

1. **minaret**
   - a. tall column
   - c. small in size
   - b. small rest
   - d. tall tower

2. **tomb**
   - a. crypt
   - c. erupt
   - b. creep
   - d. burial

3. **memorial**
   - a. remember
   - c. monumental
   - b. memory
   - d. monument

4. **dusk**
   - a. dark
   - c. twilight
   - b. dawn
   - d. sunrise

5. **inscription**
   - a. read
   - c. writing
   - b. written
   - d. writhing

6. **courtyard**
   - a. palace
   - c. balanced
   - b. balcony
   - d. patio

7. **remain**
   - a. stay
   - c. staid
   - b. stayed
   - d. stain

8. **sunrise**
   - a. dusk
   - c. sundown
   - b. nightfall
   - d. sunup

9. **pilgrim**
   - a. traveler
   - c. holy
   - b. religious
   - d. holy

10. **arrange**
    - a. dispose
    - c. positive
    - b. array
    - d. position

11. **pious**
    - a. skeptic
    - c. devout
    - b. devour
    - d. devout

12. **dome**
    - a. concave structure
    - c. convex structure
    - b. complicated structure
    - d. complex structure

13. **emperor**
    - a. empire
    - c. ruler
    - b. rule
    - d. empress

14. **daybreak**
    - a. light first appears in the sky
    - c. the first break of the day
    - b. the sun rises above the horizon
    - d. the sun goes below the horizon

15. **glow**
    - a. shin
    - c. shingle
    - b. shine
    - d. not fast