temples – building where people can worship

dynasties – families who rule for a long time

heritage – values and traditions passed down from one generation to another

preserve – something to keep it safe

overjoyed – very happy

archaeological – related to the scientific study of the way people lived in the past

auction – public sale at which articles are sold to the highest bidder

ceramic – made of baked clay

table of contents – front of a book; lists the chapter titles with the number of the first page

main idea – most important idea of a paragraph or selection

fact – statement that can be proved as true

opinion – statement that tells what someone thinks or believes

tombs – place where valuables are buried

looting – stealing treasures

title page – first page and lists the title, author, illustrator, and publisher

glossary – gives meanings of important words found in the book

index – lists the subjects covered: names, places, events, and topics

depot – station or storehouse

trampoline – Italian word – jumping contraption

corduroy – cotton cloth with ridges

paddy – flooded field where rice grows

gong – kind of bell that makes a deep sound when struck

umbrella – protects you from rain or sun

ravioli – small pocket of pasta filled with meat or cheese

opera – story performed in song and music

judo – sport and form of self-defense using the body

futon- kind of mattress