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Chapter 1	Student-friendly definition
Solo (p. 1)	a piece of music for one performer
Mutter (p. 2)	to speak in a low voice so other people won't hear
Pitch (p. 3)	how high or low a sound is
Humiliation (p. 4)	a feeling of shame and embarrassment
Scurry (p. 7)	to move quickly with short steps
Prowl (p. 7)	to move around an area quietly

Chapter 2	Student-friendly definition
Urdu (p. 15)	the official language of Pakistan, also used in parts of India
Allot (p. 16)	to give a particular share of money, time, space, etc. to someone or something
Salaam (p. 18)	a common greeting in many Arabic-speaking and Muslim countries
Complexion (p. 18)	the natural color or appearance of skin on a face
Frustration (p. 22)	the feeling of being annoyed, upset, or impatient because of the lack of ability to change a situation
Acknowledge (p. 23)	to admit or accept that something is true
Visa (p. 24)	an official mark put on a passport giving permission to temporarily enter or leave another country

Chapter 3	Student-friendly definition
Sincerely (p. 27)	to really feel or believe something
Modified (p. 28)	to make small changes to something in order to improve it
Overcome (p. 28)	to successfully control a feeling or problem that previously prevented a positive result
Introductory (p. 28)	intended for people who have never done a particular activity before
Relieved (p. 29)	To no longer worried about something , but feel happy instead
Scoff (p. 29)	to laugh at a person or idea in a way that makes them look stupid
Dread (p. 30)	a strong fear of something that is going to happen or may happen
Luxury (p. 31)	something expensive that is not needed, but bought for enjoyment
Authority (p. 31)	a quality in the way someone speaks or behaves that makes people obey them
Strategize (p. 32)	to develop a plan
Blankly (p. 34)	in a way that shows no emotion, understanding, or interest

Chapter 4	Student-friendly definition
Shalwar kameez (p. 38)	Outfit worn by South Asian women that includes a loose shirt and pants that narrow at the bottom
Engrossed (p. 39)	to be absorbed; give complete attention and focus
Crimson (p. 39)	Deep red color
Kufi (p. 39)	A hat worn by Muslim men
Tempo (p. 41)	the speed at which music is played or should be played
Drift (p. 44)	to gradually change from being in one condition, situation, etc. into another without realizing it

Chapter 5	Student-friendly definition
Quran (p. 45)	the holy book of the Muslims
Recite (pg. 45)	to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. that has been learned for people to listen to
Hijab (p. 46)	a piece of cloth covering the head and neck that some Muslim women wear
Imam (p. 47)	a Muslim religious leader
Jostle (p. 48)	to get pushed or knocked against, usually in a crowd
Animated (p. 48)	showing a lot of interest and energy
Ashamed (p. 48)	feeling very sorry and embarrassed because of an action
Mosque (p. 48)	a building in which Muslims worship
Wudu (p. 49)	a cleansing ritual Muslims complete before entering a mosque
Adjust (p. 49)	To change something to make it better
Ramadan (p. 50)	the ninth month of the Muslim year during which Muslims do not eat or drink anything between sunrise and sunset

Chapter 6	Student-friendly definition
Commotion (p. 53)	Sudden, noisy activity
Shallow (p. 53)	measuring only a short distance from the top to the bottom
Cling (p. 54)	to hold someone or something tightly
Rummage (p. 56)	to search for something by moving things around in a careless or hurried way
Obnoxious (p. 58)	very offensive, unpleasant, or rude
Traditional (p. 60)	following ideas and methods that have existed for a long time
Haram (p. 60)	forbidden by Islamic teachings
Specifically (p. 62)	relating to or intended for one particular type of person or thing

Chapters 7-8	Student-friendly definition
Overwhelming (p. 66)	having such a great effect on someone that it leaves them confused and not sure how to react
Precise (p. 67)	to be exact
Epic (p. 69)	very large and impressive
Immature (p. 70)	behaves or thinks in a way that is typical of someone much younger
Flushed (p. 71)	red in the face
Expectantly (p. 72)	hopeful that something good or exciting will happen
Uneasy (p. 73)	worried that something bad might happen

Chapters 9-10	Student-friendly definition
Pacing (p. 74)	walking back and forth
Anxious (p. 75)	worried about something
Grudgingly (p. 75)	to do or give something unwillingly
Rumple (p. 75)	to make hair, clothes, etc. less tidy
Gruff (p. 76)	speaking in a rough, unfriendly voice
Adhan (p. 86)	Islamic call to prayer
Elongate (p. 87)	to become longer or make something longer than normal
Intently (p. 87)	give careful attention to something

Chapter 11	Student-friendly definition
Disbelief (p. 88)	a feeling that something is not true or does not exist
Eagerly (p. 89)	very excited about something
Sympathize (p. 91)	to understand someone's problems
Nonchalant (p. 91)	behaving calmly and not seeming worried about anything
Digest (p. 92)	to understand new information, especially when there is a lot of it or it is difficult to understand
Retort (p. 96)	to reply quickly in an angry or humorous way

Chapters 12-13	Student-friendly definition
Bombard (p. 99)	to do something too often or too much; for example, questioning someone
Stricken (p. 101)	very badly affected by trouble, illness, unhappiness, etc.
Earnestly (p. 104)	very serious and sincere
Grateful (p. 105)	wanting to thank someone because of something kind that they have done
Dangling (p. 106)	to hang loosely
Interfaith (p. 108)	involving people of different religions
Consolation (p. 109)	something that makes you feel better when you are sad or disappointed

Chapters 14-16	Student-friendly definition
Gleaming (p. 112)	to shine softly
Proper (p. 112)	right, suitable, or correct
Suitable (p. 115)	having the right qualities for a particular person, purpose, or situation
Influence (p. 118)	the power to affect the way someone or something develops, behaves, or thinks, without using direct force or orders
Commitment (p. 118)	a promise to do something or to behave in a particular way
Exasperated (p. 120)	very annoyed and upset
Desperation (p. 125)	needing or wanting something very much

Chapter 17	Student-friendly definition
Utter (p. 127)	to say something
Survey (p. 128)	to examen an area
Sheepishly (p. 128)	slightly uncomfortable or embarrassed
Thrash (p. 128)	to move or make something move from side to side in a violent or uncontrolled way
Tense (p. 129)	feeling worried, uncomfortable, and unable to relax
Seething (p. 130)	to feel an emotion strongly, especially anger
Unshakeable (p. 130)	very strong and cannot be changed or destroyed
Assume (p. 131)	to think that something is true without definite proof

Chapters 18-19	Student-friendly definition
Urgent (p. 136)	very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
Wrath (p. 137)	extreme anger
Arrogant (p. 138)	behaving in an unpleasant or rude way because the person thinks they are more important than others
Solemn (p. 140)	very serious and not happy
Consider (p. 141)	to think about something carefully, especially before making a choice or decision
Assortment (p. 143)	a mixture of different things or of various kinds of the same thing
Sever (p. 145)	to cut through something completely
Mumble (p.146)	to say something too quietly or not clearly enough, so that other people cannot understand

Chapter 20	Student-friendly definition
Hushed (p. 148)	quiet because people are listening, waiting to hear something, or talking quietly
Descend (p. 148)	to move from a higher level to a lower one
Muffled (p. 148)	cannot be heard clearly
Shrill (p. 150)	very high and unpleasant
Quaver (p. 150)	shaking due to being nervous or upset
Anguish (p. 151)	mental or physical suffering caused by extreme pain or worry
Tone (p. 151)	the way a voice sounds and shows how someone is feeling

Chapter 21	Student-friendly definition
Frigid (p. 152)	very cold
Devastating (p. 153)	making someone feel extremely sad or shocked
Scramble (p. 154)	to move somewhere in a hurried awkward way
Structural (p. 158)	Related to the make-up or structure of something
Violating (p. 159)	to do something that makes someone feel that they have been attacked or have suffered a great loss of respect
Coward (p. 160)	someone who is not at all brave
Notify (p. 161)	to formally or officially tell someone about something
Rapidly (p. 162)	very quickly and in a very short time

Chapter 22	Student-friendly definition
Launch (p. 165)	to start something, usually something big or important
Somber (p. 166)	sad and serious
Vandalism (p. 166)	the crime of deliberately damaging things
Arson (p. 166)	the crime of deliberately making something burn
Interior (p. 167)	the inside of something
Charred (p. 167)	burned until it is black
Grim (p. 167)	looking or sounding very serious
Startle (p. 169)	to make someone suddenly surprised or slightly shocked

Chapter 23	Student-friendly definition
Elegant (p.172)	beautiful, attractive, or graceful
Target (p. 173)	to choose a particular person or place to do something to, especially to attack them or criticize them
Sophisticated (p. 174)	very well designed and very advanced, and often works in a complicated way
Surveillance (p. 174)	to watch over
Vigilant (p. 174)	giving careful attention to what is happening, so that you will notice any danger or illegal activity
Suspicious (p. 174)	thinking that someone might be guilty of doing something wrong or dishonest
Uncertain (p. 176)	feeling doubt about something
Appalling (p. 178)	very unpleasant and shocking

Chapters 24-25	Student-friendly definition
Cavernous (p. 182)	space that is is very large and deep
Quiver (p. 183)	to shake slightly
Guidance (p. 187)	help and advice that is given to someone
Serene (p. 189)	very calm or peaceful
Erupt (p. 191)	to suddenly break out in noise
Sputtering (p. 192)	to talk quickly in short confused phrases
Vendor (p. 193)	someone who sells things, especially on the street
Medley (p. 196)	a group of songs or tunes sung or played one after the other as a single piece of music