MULK: freehold (private) property

MULTAZIM: tax-farmer

MUNEH: stored food for house consumption

MUSHA': communal property

MUSHAHHAR: striped pink and white stone courses (urban Ottoman architecture)

MUSLIMEEN: muslims

MUZARA'A: land acquisition through reclaiming uncultivated land

NABI: prophet

NARI: light weight stone

NATOUR: guard; caretaker

NAWAR: gypsies

NIDER (NIDR): vow

NQOUT: gift given on the occaision of a wedding or house construction

Q (look for words begining with 'K')

QA' EL BEIT: lower part of the house, used for lodging animals

QUBUR (sing. Qabr): tomba; graves

QURA AL-KARASI: throne villages

RAWIEH: food storage area

SAHA: village plaza

SALAH (SALAT): prayer

SHABBEH: alum

SHAJARAH (SAJARAH): tree, as in shajarat al-haya ("tree of life")

SHAWAHID: stone tokens left by visitors to saints tombs

SHAYTAN: satan

SIDREH: zizyphua tree

SUNNAH: practices of the prophet (Muhammad)

TABUN (pl. tawabin): baking oven

UMMAH (UMMAT): community; nation (Muslims)

ULAMA: learned men

WALI/WELI (pl. awlia): saint

WAQF: religious endowment