

Beethoven – Glossary

aristocrat noun [count]

a member of the aristocracy

betray verb

if you betray your country, your family, or your friends, you deliberately do something that harms them

classical music noun [uncount]

serious music that is played on instruments such as the piano and the violin

compose verb

to write a piece of music:

The song was composed for their wedding.

composer noun [count]

someone who writes music

composition noun [count]

a piece of music, a piece of writing, or a painting

court noun [count or uncount]

a place where trials take place and legal cases are decided:

The man will appear in court on Monday.

cross something out phrasal verb

to draw an X or a line through writing because it is wrong, or because you want to write something else

deaf adjective

not able to hear anything, or not able to hear very well:

I'm a little deaf in one ear.

dedicate something to someone phrase

to say that a book or song that you have written was written for a person that you love or admire

deliberately adverb

with a definite intention, and not by chance or by accident:

Police believe the fire was started deliberately.

democratic adjective

based on the principle that all people should share in making decisions:

a democratic organization

depression noun [uncount]

a feeling of great sadness that is sometimes so extreme that it is considered to be a mental illness: *Some children show signs of anxiety and depression at exam time.*

eccentric adjective

an eccentric person often behaves in slightly strange or unusual ways

encourage verb

to try to persuade someone to do something that you believe would be good:

Mum always encouraged us to discuss our problems.

financial adjective

involving money:

We offer a range of financial services.

freelancer noun [count]

a self-employed person who works for different companies

furious adjective

extremely angry:

Rosie was absolutely furious that I'd borrowed her car without asking.

genius noun [count]

someone who is much more intelligent or skilful than other people

habit noun [count or uncount]

something that you do often:

George has got into the habit of going to bed late.

hearing noun [uncount]

your ability to hear sounds:

My hearing is getting worse as I get older.

ideal noun [count]

an idea that you try to follow about what is good and right:

the socialist ideal of equality for all members of society

performance noun [count]

the act of performing a play, dance, or other form of entertainment:

The first performance of the opera was in 1936.

personal adjective

private and not known or available to most people:

My personal life is not your concern.

publish verb

to have something that you have written printed and sold:

In 1934 he published another successful novel.

royal adjective

relating to a king or queen, or to their family:

the royal palace

suffer verb

to have a particular illness or physical problem:

patients suffering from heart disease

suicide noun [count or uncount]

the action of deliberately killing yourself:

Police believe he committed suicide.

support noun [uncount]

money that is provided to a person or organization in order to help them:

financial support for local bus services

support verb

to approve of an idea or a person or organization, and help them to be successful:

Of course we all support the prime minister.

symphony noun [count]

a long piece of classical music played by an orchestra

wealthy adjective

rich:

a wealthy businessman

wonderful adjective

extremely good:

There was a wonderful view from the window.