

UK Facts – Glossary

bear noun [count]

a large wild animal with thick fur

connection noun [count]

a means of communicating using a telephone or computer network

a phone connection via satellite from Dubai

deer noun [count]

a large brown animal with long thin legs

flow verb

if a liquid flows, it moves smoothly and continuously in one direction

foreign adjective

from another country, or in another

They've already had two foreign holidays this year.

fox noun [count]

a wild animal similar to a small dog, with red-brown fur, a pointed face, and a thick tail

head of state noun [count]

the leader of a country, for example a king, queen, or president

home noun [count/uncount]

the place where you live

We go to a school close to our home.

household noun [count]

the people who live in a house or flat when they are considered as a single

a one-/two-/four-person household

length noun [count/uncount]

a measurement of how long something is in size

Cut the cloth to the required length.

own verb

to legally have something, especially because you have bought it

I've always wanted to own a little cottage by the sea.

percentage noun [count]

an amount or rate that is equal to a particular part of a total that you have divided by 100

14% of land is privately owned, which is a very small percentage.

popular adjective

a popular activity, place, thing etc is one that many people like

a popular brand of cat food

population noun [count]

[usually singular] a group of people or animals of a particular type that live somewhere

California has a large Spanish-speaking population.

population density noun [uncount]

the amount of people per square kilometre of land

size noun [count/uncount]

how large or small something

Moscow's metro system is less than half the size of New York's.

spectator sport noun [count]

a sport that a lot of people enjoy watching

square adjective

square units are used for measuring the area of something

The police have an area of over 200 square miles to search.

stadium noun [count]

a large building, usually without a roof, where people watch sports events such as football matches or races

a baseball/football stadium

take place verb

to happen

The Olympics take place every four years.

volleyball noun [uncount]

a sport in which two teams use only their hands and arms to hit a ball to each other over a high net, trying to prevent the ball from touching the ground on their side

wild adjective

a wild animal or plant lives or grows on its own in natural conditions and is not raised by humans

The wild rose is a familiar sight in woods and hedges.