

The mighty spud – Glossary

bake verb

to cook food in an oven

Bake the fish for about ten minutes.

boil verb

to cook food in water that is boiling

How long does it take to boil an egg?

climate noun [uncount]

the type of weather that a country or region has

conquistador noun [count]

a Spanish conqueror during the 16th century

consumption noun [uncount]

the amount that someone eats, drinks, or smokes

Most people need to increase their daily consumption of fruit and vegetables.

crop noun [count]

a plant grown for food, usually on a farm

They're all out planting the crops today.

energy noun [uncount]

a supply of physical power that you have for doing things that need physical effort

As children we seemed to have endless energy.

fast food noun [uncount]

food that is made and served very quickly, especially food such as a burger that you can take away with you

fry verb

to cook food in hot oil or fat

Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the onion and garlic for 5 minutes.

glamorous adjective

attractive and interesting in an exciting and unusual way

It's a very glamorous holiday destination.

humble adjective

very common or old-fashioned but still useful or important

inedible adjective

too unpleasant or poisonous to eat

maize noun [uncount]

a tall plant that produces yellow seeds that are called sweetcorn when cooked and eaten

mighty adjective

very large, powerful, or impressive

a mighty empire

packet noun [count]

a box, bag, or plastic wrapping containing food that has been weighed ready to be sold, or the food that this contains

The ingredients should be listed on the packet.

pot noun [count]

a deep round metal container used for cooking food in on a cooker

raw adjective

raw food has not been cooked, or has not been thoroughly cooked

The chicken is still raw.

ship verb

to send goods or people somewhere by ship

Toxic waste is shipped from Western Europe to other countries.

slang noun [uncount]

words or expressions that are very informal and are not considered suitable for more formal situations.

snack noun

a small amount of food that you eat between meals

taste verb

to eat or drink something and to experience its flavour

I've never tasted figs, but I've heard they're very nice.

tuber noun [count]

the round part of a plant such as a potato that grows underground and produces new plants

value noun [count/uncount]

the amount that something is worth, measured especially in money

versatile adjective

able to be used in many different ways

This versatile summer jacket is a great buy.

wheat noun [uncount]

a tall plant that produces grain for making bread and other foods