

Basketball – Glossary

according to preposition

used for saying where information or ideas have come from

According to newspaper reports, fighting has broken out in the northern provinces.

active adjective

full of busy activity

beat verb

to defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle

England needed to beat Germany to get to the final.

billion

the number 1,000,000,000

bottom noun [count]

the lowest part of something

The page had a line missing from the bottom.

competition noun [count]

an organized event in which people try to win prizes by being better than other people

a competition to find a name for the new project

create verb

to make something new or original that did not exist before

How do I create a new file?

dribble verb

to move forwards with a ball by kicking or bouncing it several times in games such as football and basketball

estimate noun [count]

an amount that you guess or calculate using the information available

It is difficult to obtain an accurate estimate of how many tigers are left.

exist verb

to be present in a particular place, time, or situation

There is no evidence that life exists on other planets.

fit adjective

healthy, strong, and able to do physical exercise without getting very tired

foreign adjective

from another country, or in another country

Do you speak any foreign languages?

gold noun [uncount]

a valuable yellow metal used for making jewellery

height noun [count/uncount]

the distance that something is from the ground or from the floor, or from a fixed level such as the sea

What height do you want the picture at?

hole noun [count]

a space in the surface of something that goes partly or completely through it

All my socks have holes in them.

invent verb

to design or create something such as a machine or process that did not exist before

Alfred Nobel invented dynamite.

league noun [count]

a group of teams or players who regularly compete against one another, put in order according to how many points they have won

the Italian first-division football league

population noun [count]

the number of people who live in a particular area

Los Angeles has a population of over 3 million.

regularly adverb

frequently

He travels to Paris fairly regularly.

throw verb

to use your hand to send an object through the air

I'll throw the ball and you try to catch it.