

The United States – Glossary

at least phrase

not less than a particular amount or number, and possibly more

We are expecting to at least double our money.

average noun [count/uncount]

an amount that is calculated by adding several numbers together and dividing the total by the original number of things you added together

Each of the people in the study lost an average of six pounds in weight

candidate noun [count]

one of the people competing in an election

the Labour/Liberal/Conservative candidate

election noun [count]

an occasion when people vote for someone to represent them, especially in a government

Only about 20% of the people voted in the local government elections

flag noun [count]

a piece of cloth decorated with the pattern and colours that represent a country or organization

The British flag is called the Union Jack

height noun [count/uncount]

the degree to which something is high or someone is tall

He was about the same height as his wife

household noun [count]

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

What percentage of the city's households live in poverty?

mountain range noun [count]

a long row of mountains

per preposition

used for stating the rate or cost for each unit of time, quantity, distance etc.

Calculate the cost per kilo.

presidential adj [only before a noun]

relating to a president

a presidential election/campaign/candidate

rectangle noun [count]

a shape with four straight sides and four angles of 90°

represent verb

to be a sign or symbol of something

the colour red commonly represents danger

star noun [count]

an object or shape with five or more points that looks like a star

we always put a star at the top of our Christmas tree

state noun [count]

a region of a country that has its own government for some matters

the State of Michigan had revoked the licence

stripe noun [count]

a line of one colour on a background of a different colour

a white shirt with red stripes

vote verb

to formally express an opinion by choosing between two or more issues, people etc

I'm going to vote for Jackson.

born adjective [never before noun]

when a baby is born, it comes out of its mother's body and starts its life

The twins were born on 29 August, 1962.

win verb

to defeat everyone else by being the best or by finishing first in a competition

every time we play tennis, she wins