

Rugby - Glossary

colony noun [count]

a country that is controlled by another country
a former British colony

competition noun [count]

an organized event in which people try to win prizes by being better than other people
They should have a good chance of winning the competition.

complicated adjective

difficult to do, deal with, or understand, especially because of involving a lot of different processes or aspects
The situation seems to be getting more and more complicated.

hardly adverb

used for saying that something is almost not true or almost does not happen at all
He hardly spoke except to say hello.

empire noun [count]

a number of countries ruled by one person or government
the Ottoman Empire

environment noun [count]

the conditions and influences in which people carry on a particular activity
Parents are responsible for providing the right environment for their children to grow and learn in.

expansion noun [uncount]

the process of increasing in size and filling more space

exclusive adjective

very expensive, and therefore available only to people who have a lot of money
an exclusive shop/restaurant

favourite noun [count]

the person or animal that is expected to win a race or competition
Chelsea are favourites to win the Premiership.

gentleman noun [count]

a man who is always polite and honest and considers other people's needs
Everyone always said that James was a real gentleman.

home [team]

the place where a sports team is based and plays most of its games. A team that is playing at home is called the **home team**.
United are playing at home tonight.

indicate verb

to show that something will happen, is true, or exists
A survey indicated that 89 per cent of people recycle paper.

major adjective

important, serious, large, or great

opponent noun [count]

someone who is competing against you

oval adjective

with a shape like a long narrow circle
an oval table

ruffian noun [count]

someone who acts in a threatening and violent way

saying noun [count]

a well-known statement about what often happens in life
'Tomorrow's another day,' she said, repeating one of her many sayings.

score verb

to get a point in a game or sport
No one scored in the first half.

spectacular adjective

extremely impressive
We had a spectacular view of the coastline from the plane.

spread

to gradually affect or cover a larger area
Within less than an hour, the fire had spread to the fuel stores.

widespread adjective

happening or existing in many places, or affecting many people
the widespread use of antibiotics

pitch noun

a flat area of ground for playing particular sports on.
a football/cricket/rugby pitch