

The tube - Glossary

alternative adjective [only before noun]
different from something else and able to be used instead of it

Alternative ways of getting there will be investigated.

complain verb [transitive/intransitive]
to say that you are not satisfied with something
She complained that she never had any time to herself.

complaint noun [count/uncount]
a written or spoken statement in which someone says they are not satisfied with something
"I intend to make a complaint."

delay noun [count]
a situation in which a plane, train etc leaves or arrives late
After a long delay, the plane finally took off.

fame noun [uncount]
the state of being famous
Kundera achieved international fame while banned in his own country.

gap noun [count]
a space or opening in the middle of something or between things
Fill in any gaps around windows and doors.

grumble verb [intransitive]
to complain, especially continuously and about unimportant things
Children always grumble about school dinners.

infrastructure noun [count/uncount]
the set of systems within a place or organization that affect how well it operates, for example the telephone and transport systems in a country

line noun [count]
a part of a railway system
the London to Brighton line

loudspeaker noun [count]
a piece of electrical equipment that allows sounds or voices to be heard loudly at a distance

maintenance noun [uncount]
work that is done to keep something such as a building, machine, or piece of equipment repaired and in good condition
the aircraft maintenance crew

multicoloured adjective
consisting of several different colours
a multicoloured flag

network noun [count]
a system of lines or similar things such as roads or wires that are connected to each other
The motorway network links all the major cities.

poster noun [count]
a large printed notice or picture that you put on a wall for decoration or to announce or advertise something
a poster of his favourite sports star

ridiculous adjective
silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
a ridiculous idea

run verb [intransitive]

1. if a bus, train etc runs, it travels somewhere at regular times
The train only runs at weekends.
2. to control and organize something such as a business, organization, or event
Sue's been running a mail-order business for ten years.

sign noun [count]
a flat object with words or pictures on it, put in a public place to provide information or advertise something
The shop had a 'closed' sign in the window.

tourist attraction noun [count]
a place to visit that is very popular with tourists

track noun [count/uncount]
a railway line
a railway track