

Is it art? - Glossary

arrangement noun [count]

a set of things that have been arranged to look attractive

a floral arrangement

broad adjective

expressed in a general way, without many details

This chapter can only give a broad outline of the subject

come to think of it phrase

used for adding something that you have just remembered about a subject that you are talking about

I love getting her letters. Come to think of it, I haven't had one for a while.

concept noun [count]

an idea of something that exists

Some students failed to grasp even the simplest mathematical concepts.

deep down adjective

if you know or feel something deep down, you do know or feel it, although you try to pretend that you do not

Deep down I knew that Caroline was right.

dismiss verb

to refuse to accept that something might be true or important

We should not dismiss these ideas just because they are unfamiliar.

drag verb [transitive]

to pull something or someone along with difficulty, for example because they are heavy

She dragged her suitcase down the path.

element noun [count]

an important basic part of something complicated, for example a system or plan

Our new management system includes two essential elements.

everyday adjective

very common or completely normal, and often not very interesting

Many of these expressions now form part of everyday conversation.

exhibit noun [count]

an object that is part of an exhibition

Each exhibit was clearly labelled with a name and number.

exhibition noun [count]

a public show where art or other interesting things are put so that people can go and look at them

an exhibition of paintings by Henri Matisse

installation noun [count]

a piece of art that consists of several different objects or pictures arranged to produce a particular effect

look down on phrasal verb

to think that you are better or more important than someone else, or to think that something is not good enough for you

She looks down on anyone who hasn't had a university education.

mess noun [uncount]

a situation in which a place is dirty or untidy

Your room is a mess; please pick up your toys.

pretend verb

to behave in a particular way because you want someone to believe that something is true when it is not

She closed her eyes and pretended to be asleep.

rubbish noun [uncount]

something that is useless, of no value, or of very low quality

Critics have described the paintings as worthless rubbish.

so-called adjective

used for showing that you think a word used for describing someone or something is not suitable

His so-called friends betrayed him.

technical adjective

relating to the skills needed to do a particular activity, especially in sport or art

The dancers reached extremely high levels of technical skill and ability.

three-dimensional adjective

not flat, but able to be measured in height, depth, and width

a three-dimensional model of the bridge

uncultured adjective

someone who doesn't know much about music, literature, or other arts