

A home by the Thames - Glossary

abandoned adjective

left alone by someone who should stay with you and look after you

bank noun [count]

a raised area of land along the side of a river
The village lies on the east bank of the river Derwent.

claim verb [transitive]

to say that something is yours
Has anyone claimed the wallet I handed in yesterday?

come forward phrasal verb

to offer help or information
The National Blood Service is anxious for more donors to come forward.

corridor noun [count]

a long passage inside a building with doors on each side
I went along the corridor to her office.

donation noun [count]

money or goods that you give to an organisation, especially one that helps people.

high profile noun phrase

a position or reputation that gets you a lot of attention
The company currently enjoys a high profile with its new line of mobile phones

image noun [singular]

an opinion that people have about someone or something, which may not be a true one
We have an image of the US as a very rich country.

lover noun [count]

someone who likes or enjoys something very much
a lover of fine art

mystery [count]

something that you are not able to understand, explain, or get information about
The exact origin of the universe remains a mystery.

owner noun [count]

someone who owns something
a restaurant/supermarket/hotel owner

reputation noun [count/uncount]

the opinion that people have about how good or how bad someone or something is
He did not have a good reputation in his home town.

solve verb [transitive]

to find the reason or explanation for something
He hopes to solve the mystery of the plane's disappearance.

staff noun [singular/uncount]

the people who work for a particular company, organisation, or institution
The staff are not happy about the new arrangement.

starving adjective

ill or dying because of a lack of food
starving children

stray adjective

lost, or without a home
a stray cat/dog

treat verb [transitive]

to use medicine or medical methods to cure a patient or an illness
Patients are treated with a combination of medication and exercise.

volunteer noun [count]

someone who is not paid for the work they do
The organisation is appealing for volunteers.