

Predictions for the new decade - Glossary

advance noun [count]

progress or an instance of progress in science, technology, human knowledge, etc.

In spite of all its advances, medical science still knows little about the brain.

advanced adjective

based on the most recent methods or ideas

advanced technology

carbon emissions noun [count]

carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the atmosphere, produced by vehicles and industrial processes

cockroach noun [count]

an insect similar to a large beetle that lives in places where food is kept

common adjective

happening frequently, or existing in large amounts or numbers

Today smog is a common occurrence in many major cities.

decade noun [count]

a period of ten years, especially one beginning with a year that ends in 0, e.g. 1990 to 1999

device noun [count]

a machine or piece of equipment that does a particular thing

Secure your bike with this simple locking device.

disgusting adjective

extremely unpleasant

boxes of fish that smelt absolutely disgusting

employee noun [count]

someone who is paid regularly to work for a person or an organization

Their employees worked a ten-hour day.

employer noun [count]

a person, company, or organization that pays someone to work for them

encourage verb

to suggest that someone does something that you believe would be good

We encourage student participation in our classes.

environmental adjective

relating to the natural world and the effect that human activity has on it

fast food noun [uncount]

food that is made and served very quickly, especially food such as a burger that you can take away with you

hand-held adjective

small enough to hold in your hands

a hand-held computer

motorway noun [count]

a wide road with several lanes of traffic going in each direction, built for fast travel over long distances

online adverb

connected to or available through a computer or a computer network, especially the internet

overweight adjective

heavier than you should be

I was about 10 pounds overweight after my pregnancy.

point at verb

to aim an object at someone or something

prediction noun [count]

a statement about what you think will happen in the future, or the process of making such a statement

rare adjective

not happening very often

In a rare moment of honesty, he told her what he had done.

remote control noun [count]

a piece of equipment that you use for controlling a machine such as a television or stereo system from a short distance away

technological adjective

relating to or involving technology

problems brought by technological change

toll booth noun [count]

a small building where drivers pay to use a particular bridge or road

treat verb

to use medicine or medical methods to cure a patient or an illness

Vitamin deficiency can be properly diagnosed and treated by a doctor.