

Dubai's New Giant - Glossary

according to preposition
used for saying where information or ideas have come from

According to newspaper reports, fighting has broken out in the northern provinces.

AD abbreviation
used after a date to show that it refers to a time after the birth of Jesus Christ

alongside preposition
used for showing that you are comparing one person or thing with another
Our profits seem small alongside the amounts that the big companies make.

base noun [count]
the bottom part, edge, or surface of something
a tall cliff, with a narrow footpath at its base

BC abbreviation
before Christ: used after a date to show that it refers to a time before the birth of Jesus Christ

capable adjective
able to do something
The port is capable of handling 10 million tonnes of coal a year.

challenge noun [count/uncount]
something that needs a lot of skill, energy, and determination to deal with or achieve, especially something you have never done before and will enjoy doing

engineer noun [count]
someone who designs or builds things such as roads, railways, bridges, or machines

ensure verb [transitive]
to make certain that something happens or is done
The lifejacket had almost certainly ensured her survival.

fireworks noun
an object that explodes when you light it and produces coloured lights and loud noises
a firework display/party

the former pronoun
used for referring to the first of two people or things that you have mentioned
Given the choice between rose pink and olive green, I'd choose the former every time.

man-made adjective
something that is man-made has been made by people and does not exist naturally.

in honour of phrase
in order to show respect and admiration for someone or something
St Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honour of Lenin after his death.

inaugurated verb [transitive]
to open a new building, or to start a new organization, with an official ceremony
The newest US embassy was inaugurated today in Caracas, Venezuela.

inhabited adjective
a place that is inhabited has people living in it

labour noun [uncount]
the workers in a particular country, industry, or company considered as a group
the declining demand for labour in agriculture

thanks to phrase
used for saying that someone or something is responsible for something good that happened
Thanks to this treatment, her condition has improved.

the latter pronoun
used for referring to the second of two people, things, or groups that have just been mentioned
He did well in both schoolwork and sport and won a number of medals in the latter (in sport).

mosque noun
a building in which Muslims worship

Pyramid noun
a large stone structure with a square base and walls with three sides that meet at a point on the top of the structure.

stable adjective
not likely to fall or move in the wrong way
The tent is extremely stable even in very high winds.

territory noun [count]
an area of land that is officially part of a country but does not have the status of a state or province