

## Avatar – Glossary

**accepted** adjective [only before noun]  
considered by most people to be reasonable, right, or normal  
*Corruption was an accepted part of the political culture.*

**civilization** noun [countable/ uncountable]  
a society that has developed its own culture and institutions

**commander** noun [countable]  
An officer who is in charge of a military group or operation

**danger** noun [uncountable]  
a situation in which harm, death, damage, or destruction is possible

**desire** noun  
a strong feeling of wanting to have or to do something

**effect** noun [countable]  
special artificial images and sounds created for a film  
*I didn't think much of the plot, but the effects were amazing.*

**employ** verb [transitive]  
to pay someone regularly to do a job for you or to work as a member of your organization

**exist** verb [intransitive]  
to be real, or to appear in the real world

**float** verb [intransitive]  
to be lighter than air, and to move slowly through it

**get hold of something** phrase [noun]  
get something that you need or want

**high earner** noun [countable]  
someone who earns money by working

**hold-up** phrase [noun]  
a short delay

**impressed** adjective  
admiring someone or something very much, especially because of an unusually good achievement, quality, or skill

**inevitable** adjective  
impossible to avoid or prevent  
*War now seems almost inevitable.*

**[lie] at the heart of** phrase  
be the most important part of something

**light years** noun [count]  
the distance that light travels in a year, used as a unit for measuring distances in space

**mineral** noun [countable]  
a natural substance in the earth, for example coal, salt, gold, or diamonds

**mining** noun [uncountable]  
the process of getting coal or metal from under the ground

**rescue** verb [transitive]  
to save someone from a dangerous or unpleasant situation  
*the crew of the tanker were rescued just minutes before it sank in heavy seas.*

**resource** noun [usually plural] things such as coal, trees, and oil that exist in nature and can be used by people

**science-fiction** noun  
books and films about imaginary future events and characters, often dealing with space travel and life on other planets. Science fiction is often called sci-fi.

**security** noun [uncountable]  
safety from attack, harm, or damage

**set** verb [transitive]  
to write or produce a play, book, film etc that happens in a particular time or place  
*The film is set in 18<sup>th</sup>-century New England.*

**spell** verb [transitive]  
to show that something is going to happen, usually something bad

**visual** adjective  
relating to things that you can see  
*Television news brings us visual images from around the world.*