

Strange but true – Glossary

agreement noun [countable]

an arrangement or decision about what to do, made by two or more people, groups, or organizations

basket noun [countable]

a container for carrying or keeping things in, made from thin pieces of plastic, wire, or wood woven together, and sometimes with a handle

batter noun [countable]

a player who tries to hit the ball in baseball

behaviour noun [uncountable]

the way that someone behaves
observations of animal behaviour

budge verb [intransitive/transitive]

to move, or to move something, especially something that is very heavy or is stuck

catch verb [intransitive/transitive]

to stop and hold something that is moving through the air, especially an object that someone throws

confused adjective

unable to understand something or think clearly about it

She was starting to feel a bit confused.

farmhouse noun [countable]

the main house on a farm, where the farmer lives

flamingo noun [countable]

a large pink or red tropical bird that has a long neck and long legs and lives near water

friendship noun [countable]

a relationship between people who are friends

giant adjective

used in the names of some animals and plants that are much larger than others of the same type

a giant tortoise/clam/redwood

hippopotamus noun [countable]

a large African animal with a wide head and mouth and thick grey skin. Hippopotamuses live in or near rivers.

ignore verb [transitive]

to pretend that you have not noticed someone or something

He completely ignored her and kept on walking.

litter noun [countable]

a group of baby cats, dogs, or other animals that are born at the same time

local adjective

in or related to the area that you live in, or to the particular area that you are talking about

nasty adjective

very unpleasant to taste, smell, see, or feel
a nasty cold wind

passion noun [countable]

a strong enthusiasm or interest

paw noun [countable]

the foot of some animals such as cats, dogs, and bears

pitcher noun [countable]

the player who throws the ball to the batter in the sport of baseball

rescue verb [transitive]

to save someone from a dangerous or unpleasant situation

surprising adjective

unusual, or unexpected

take over verb [intransitive/transitive]

to begin to do something that someone else was doing

tortoise noun [countable]

an animal that walks slowly and can pull its head and legs into the shell on its back

tray noun [countable]

a flat piece of plastic, metal, or wood with raised edges, used for carrying things such as plates or food

tsunami noun [countable]

a very large wave or series of waves caused when something such as an earthquake moves a large quantity of water in the sea

zoo-keeper noun [countable]

someone whose job is to look after the animals in a zoo