

## Foreign languages – Glossary

**ashamed** adjective

used for admitting something that you think people might be surprised or disappointed about

*I'm ashamed to admit that I've never read any of her work.*

**colleague** noun [countable]

someone who works in the same organization or department as you

**connection** noun [countable]

a relationship between things or events

*His question had no direct connection with our discussion.*

**CV** noun [countable]

curriculum vitae: a document giving details of your qualifications and the jobs you have had in the past that you send to someone when you are applying for a job.

**directions** noun [plural]

instructions for doing something or for getting to a place

*She gave the driver directions to her house.*

**evening class** noun [countable]

a series of classes for adults in a particular subject that they go to in the evening

**exaggerate** verb [transitive/intransitive]

to describe something in a way that makes it seem better, worse, larger, more important etc than it really is

*Don't exaggerate! It wasn't that bad!*

**fluent** adjective

able to speak a foreign language very well

**improve** verb [transitive]

to become better

*Your English will improve with practice.*

**locals** noun [countable, plural]

someone who lives in a particular place, rather than a visitor to that place

*The locals are very welcoming.*

**effort** noun [countable/uncountable]

an attempt to do something that is difficult or that involves hard work

**online** adjective

connected to or available through a computer or a computer network (=a group of connected computers), especially the Internet

**order** verb [transitive/intransitive]

to ask for food or drink in a restaurant or hotel  
*I'd like to order the salmon, please.*

**resort** noun [countable]

a place that many people go to for a holiday  
*a ski/seaside/mountain resort*

**sink or swim** [phrase]

to be left on your own to succeed or fail, without any help

*It's sink or swim in this business.*

**surround** verb [transitive]

to be all around or on all sides of someone or something

*He found himself surrounded by an admiring crowd.*

**the basics** noun [plural]

the most important aspects or principles of something that you should learn, think about, or deal with first

*Let's start with the basics – you've got a good job and a nice home.*

**the point** noun [singular]

the reason for something

*What is the point of your visit?*

**useless** adjective

if someone is useless, they are not any help to you or are not capable of achieving anything

*Don't ask Geoff – he's useless!*