

## Trapped underground – Glossary

**alive** adjective  
living and not dead

**at least** phrase  
not less than a particular amount or number, and possibly more

**celebrate** verb [intransitive/transitive]  
to do something enjoyable in order to show that an occasion or event is special

**cheerful** adjective  
behaving in a happy friendly way

**collapse** verb [intransitive]  
if a building or other structure collapses, it suddenly falls down  
*There were fears that the roof would collapse.*

**communicate** verb [intransitive/transitive]  
to express thoughts, feelings, or information to another person or animal, for example by speaking or writing

**contact** verb [transitive]  
to write to someone or talk to them on the telephone

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

**delighted** adjective  
very happy, especially because something good has happened  
*They broke into delighted laughter.*

**drill** verb [intransitive/transitive]  
to make a hole using a special tool or machine  
*They had to drill through the mountainside.*

**escape** verb [intransitive]  
to get away from a place where you are in danger

**mine** noun [countable]  
a large hole or tunnel in the ground from which people take coal, gold etc

**miner** noun [countable]  
someone whose job is to dig coal, gold etc from the ground

**oxygen** noun [uncountable]  
a gas in the air that has no smell or taste, and that all animals depend on to breathe

**psychologist** noun [countable]  
someone who studies how people's minds work and how this affects their behaviour

**relative** noun [countable]  
a member of your family, especially one who does not live with you, for example a grandparent or cousin

**rescue** verb [transitive]  
to save someone from a dangerous or unpleasant situation

**rock** noun [uncountable]  
the hard solid substance that forms part of the Earth's surface  
*We had to dig down through a twelve-inch layer of rock.*

**shelter** noun [countable]  
a place where people are protected from bad weather or from danger

**situation** noun [uncountable]  
the set of conditions that exist at a particular time in a particular place

**sticky tape** noun [uncountable]  
a long thin clear piece of sticky plastic on a roll, used for sticking paper or other things to each other. People often use the trade names Sellotape in British English, or Scotch tape in American English.

**surface** noun [countable]  
the top layer of water or land

**trapped** verb [transitive]  
to prevent someone from leaving a place, especially a dangerous place

**tunnel** noun [countable]  
an underground passage

**underground** adjective  
below the surface of the ground