

Basketball – 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.

active adjective

always doing things, especially with energy and enthusiasm

Rose is still active at the age of 87.

beat verb

to defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle

Hings needed to beat Davenport to get to the final.

billion number

the number 1,000,000,000

bottom noun [countable]

the lowest part of something

The page had a line missing from the bottom.

competition noun [countable]

an organized event in which people try to win prizes by being better than other people

a competition to find a name for the new project

create verb

to make something new exist or happen

How do I create a new file?

dribble verb

to move forward with a ball by bouncing or kicking it

estimate noun [countable]

an amount that you guess or calculate by using the information that is available

It is difficult to obtain an accurate estimate of how many tigers are left.

exist verb

to be present in a particular place, time, or situation

There is no evidence that life exists on other planets.

foreign adjective

from another country, or in another country

Do you speak any foreign languages?

gold noun [uncountable]

a valuable yellow metal that is used for making jewelry

height noun [countable/uncountable]

how high something is, or how tall someone is

What height do you want the picture at?

hole noun [countable]

a space in the surface of something that goes partly or completely through it

All my socks have holes in them.

in/out of shape phrase

in good/bad physical condition

I can't believe how out of shape I am;

I really want to get in shape before summer.

invent verb

to design or create something that did not exist before

Alfred Nobel invented dynamite.

league noun [countable]

an organized group of teams or players who regularly compete against each other

They were the league champions twice during the 1990s.

population noun [singular]

the number of people who live in a particular area

Los Angeles has a population of over 3 million.

regularly adverb

frequently

The equipment needs to be checked regularly.

throw verb

to make something leave your hand and move through the air, by moving your arm quickly

I'll throw the ball and you try to catch it.