

Tom Hanks – Glossary

army noun [countable]

a large organization of soldiers who are trained to fight wars on land

astronaut noun [countable]

someone who travels in space

award noun [countable]

a prize that is given to someone who has achieved something

She won the Player of the Year award.

battle noun [countable/uncountable]

a fight between two armies in a war

carbon emissions noun [plural]

carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide that vehicles and factories produce and send into the atmosphere

commander noun [countable]

an officer who is in charge of a military group or operation

crucial adjective

extremely important

disability noun [countable/uncountable]

a condition in which someone is not able to use a part of their body or brain properly

children with learning disabilities

election noun [countable]

an occasion when people vote for someone to represent them, especially in government

encourage verb

to try to persuade someone to do something that you believe would be good

We encourage student participation in our classes.

environmental adjective

relating to the natural world and the effect that human activity has on it

Both candidates discussed environmental issues.

explosion noun [countable]

an occasion when something such as a bomb explodes

a gas/nuclear explosion

influence verb

to affect someone or something

kind-hearted adjective

kind and generous

land verb

if an aircraft lands, or if you land it, it comes down to the ground

The plane landed a couple of hours before dawn.

mission noun [countable]

an important piece of work that a person or group of people has to do for a government or large organization, especially one that involves travel

a cultural/fact-finding/rescue mission

officer noun [countable]

someone with a position of power and authority in the military

play verb

to have a particular part in a play or movie

She played Blanche in A Streetcar Named Desire.

plot noun [countable/uncountable]

a series of related events that make up the main story in a book, movie, etc.

poll noun [countable]

an occasion when a lot of people are asked their opinions about something, usually as research for a political party, television program, etc.

A recent poll indicated that most people supported a ban on tobacco advertising.

present adjective

at an event, or in a place

Among those present at the ceremony were the ambassador and his wife.

role noun [countable]

the character that is played by a particular actor in a movie or play

Who is playing the role of Hamlet?

scene noun [countable]

a part of a play, book, movie, etc. in which events happen in the same place or period of time

a love scene

shocking adjective

making you feel extremely surprised, upset, or embarrassed

slight adjective

small in size, amount, or degree

a slight increase in temperature