

Plenty more fish in the sea? – 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.

advocate verb

to publicly support a particular policy or way of doing things

There is no point advocating improved public transport unless we can pay for it.

chain noun [count]

a group of businesses such as stores, hotels, or restaurants that all belong to the same person or company

Japan's leading hotel chain

come out phrasal verb

if something such as a book or a movie comes out, it becomes available to buy or see

We've recorded a new album, and it's coming out in the spring.

crisis noun [count/uncount]

an urgent and difficult or dangerous situation

decline verb

to become less or worse

The number of people buying their own homes has declined.

detect verb

to prove that something is present by using scientific methods

technology capable of detecting the smallest earth tremors

documentary noun [count]

a movie or television program that deals with real people and events

drag verb

to pull something or someone along with difficulty, especially something heavy

encircle verb

to completely surround someone or something

A high fence encircles the property.

expression noun [count]

a word or phrase

Avoid colloquial expressions that are out of place in an academic essay.

head verb

to go in a particular direction

We decided to head for home.

high-tech adjective

using the most modern or advanced technology available, especially electronic equipment and computers

impact noun [count]

an effect or influence

Her paper discusses the likely impact of global warming on climate change.

overfishing noun [uncount]

fishing that damages a river or an area of ocean because too many fish are caught

partner noun [count]

someone who you live with and have a sexual relationship with

Please state your partner's name and occupation.

reserve noun [count]

an area of land where wild animals or plants are officially protected

shoal noun [count]

a group of fish that swim together

sonar noun [uncount]

a piece of equipment on a ship that measures the depth of water and shows the position of objects under the water

species noun [count]

a plant or animal group whose members all have similar general features and are able to produce young plants or animals together

a rare tropical species

split up phrasal verb

to end a sexual or romantic relationship

Her parents split up a few months ago.

sustainable adjective

using methods that do not harm the environment

sustainable agriculture

tuna noun [count/uncount]

a large fish that lives in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, or this fish eaten as food