

## Is it art? – Glossary

**arrangement** noun [countable]

a set of things that have been arranged to look attractive  
*a floral arrangement*

**broad** adjective

expressed in a general way, without many details  
*This chapter can only give a broad outline of the subject.*

**come to think of/about it** phrase

used for adding something that you have just remembered about a subject that you are talking about

*I love getting her letters. Come to think of it, I haven't had one for a while.*

**concept** noun [countable]

an idea of something that exists  
*Some students failed to grasp even the simplest mathematical concepts.*

**deep down** adjective

if you know or feel something deep down, you do know or feel it, although you try to pretend that you do not

*Deep down I knew that Caroline was right.*

**dismiss** verb [transitive]

to refuse to accept that something might be true or important

*We should not dismiss these ideas just because they are unfamiliar.*

**drag** verb [transitive]

to pull something or someone along with difficulty, for example because they are heavy  
*She dragged her suitcase to the car.*

**element** noun [countable]

an important basic part of something complicated, for example a system or plan  
*Our new management system includes two essential elements.*

**everyday** adjective [usually before noun]

very common or completely normal, and often not very interesting

*Many of these expressions now form part of everyday conversation.*

**exhibit** noun [countable]

an object that is part of an exhibition  
*Each exhibit was clearly labeled with a name and number.*

**exhibition** noun [countable]

a public show where art or other interesting things are put so that people can go and look at them  
*an exhibition of paintings by Henri Matisse*

**garbage** noun [uncountable]

waste material that you are throwing away, for example spoiled food or empty containers

**installation** noun [countable]

a piece of art that consists of several different objects or pictures arranged to produce a particular effect

**look down on** phrasal verb

to think that you are better or more important than someone else, or to think that something is not good enough for you

*She looks down on anyone who hasn't had a college education.*

**mess** noun [countable/uncountable]

a situation in which a place is dirty or not neat  
*Your room is a mess; please pick up your toys.*

**pretend** verb [intransitive /transitive]

to behave in a particular way because you want someone to believe that something is true when it is not

*She closed her eyes and pretended to be asleep.*

**reckon** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to believe that something is true

**so-called** adjective [only before noun]

used for showing that you think a word used for describing someone or something is not appropriate

*His so-called friends betrayed him.*

**technical** adjective

relating to the skills needed to do a particular activity, especially in sports or art

*The dancers reached extremely high levels of technical skill and ability.*

**three-dimensional** adjective

not flat, but able to be measured in height, depth, and width

*a three-dimensional model of the bridge*

**trash** noun [uncountable]

waste material such as paper, plastic bags, used containers, etc.

**trash, the** noun [uncountable]

the container where you keep waste material

*Did you put the newspaper in the trash?*

**uncultured** adjective

lacking knowledge of art, literature, music, etc.