

Teddy bears – Glossary

acquire verb

to get something, for example by buying it or being given it

We acquired the company for 100 million dollars.

[be] based on [something] phrasal verb

to use something as a model for a movie, piece of writing, or work of art

He bases his designs on Roman mosaics.

cartoon noun [countable]

a humorous drawing in a newspaper or magazine, often with words written below

cartoonist noun [countable]

someone who draws cartoons, especially as their job

companion noun [countable]

a friend that you spend a lot of time with

The dog soon became my constant companion.

drawing noun [countable]

a picture that someone has drawn

The children did drawings of themselves.

hunt verb

to kill animals for food or for their skin or other parts, or for sport

Crocodiles were hunted and killed for their teeth.

invent verb

to design or create something such as a machine or process that did not exist before

Alfred Nobel invented dynamite.

invention noun [uncountable]

the act of inventing something

Global communication was transformed by the invention of the internet.

nephew noun [countable]

a son of your brother or sister, or a son of your husband's or wife's brother or sister

nickname noun [countable]

an informal name that your friends or family call you that is not your real name

no doubt phrase

used for emphasizing that something seems certain or very likely

No doubt she'll tell me everything when she's ready.

refuse verb

to say you will not do something that someone has asked you to do

Mom asked him to apologize, but he refused.

rounded adjective

having a curved shape or surface

Her handwriting was neat and rounded.

run verb

to control and organize something such as a business, organization, or event

Sue's been running a mail-order business for years.

shoot verb

to hit someone or something with a bullet from a gun

snout noun [countable]

the long nose of a pig or a similar animal

souvenir noun [countable]

something that you buy on vacation or at a special event to remind you later of being there

Valentine's Day noun [countable/uncountable]

February 14, the day on which people give cards and small gifts to the person they love

stick verb

if a new name for someone or something sticks, it becomes accepted and used by everyone

He'd been called "Tufty" at school, and the name had stuck.

stuffed adjective

a stuffed toy or cushion has been filled with a soft material

tie verb

to fasten something in a particular place using something such as rope

Her hands were tied behind her back.