

Predictions for the new decade – Glossary

advance noun [countable/uncountable]
progress or an instance of progress in science, technology, human knowledge, etc.
In spite of all its advances, medical science still knows little about the brain.

advanced adjective
based on the most recent methods or ideas
advanced technology

carbon emissions noun [plural]
carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the atmosphere, produced by vehicles and industrial processes

cockroach noun [countable]
an insect similar to a large beetle that lives in places where food is kept

common adjective
happening frequently or existing in large amounts or numbers
Mergers and takeovers have become increasingly common in recent years.

decade noun [countable]
a period of ten years, especially one beginning with a year that ends in a 0, for example 1990 through 1999

device noun [countable]
a machine or piece of equipment that does a particular thing
Secure your bike with this simple locking device.

disgusting adjective
extremely unpleasant
boxes of fish that smelled absolutely disgusting

employee noun [countable]
someone who is paid regularly to work for a person or an organization
Their employees worked a ten-hour day.

employer noun [countable]
a person or company that pays workers to work for them
The factory is the largest single employer in the area.

encourage verb
to suggest that someone does 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

fast food noun [uncountable]
food that is made and served very quickly, especially food such as a burger that you can take away with you

hand-held adjective
small enough to hold in your hands

highway noun [countable]
a wide road built for fast travel between towns and cities
the Pacific Coast Highway

online adjective
connected to or available through a computer or a computer network (=a group of connected computers), especially the internet

overweight adjective
heavier than you should be
I was about 10 pounds overweight after my pregnancy.

point verb
to show something by holding out your finger or a long thin object
She pointed at the ice cream that she wanted.

prediction noun [countable/uncountable]
a statement about what you think will happen in the future, or the process of making such a statement

rare adjective
not happening very often
In a rare moment of honesty, he told her what he had done.

remote control noun [countable]
a piece of equipment that you use for controlling a machine such as a television or stereo system from a short distance away

technological adjective
relating to or involving technology
problems brought by technological change

tollbooth noun [countable]
a small building where drivers pay to use a particular bridge or road

treat verb
to use medicine or medical methods to cure an illness
Vitamin deficiency can be properly diagnosed and treated by a doctor.

