

Avatar – Glossary

accepted adjective [only before noun]
considered by most people to be reasonable, right, or normal
Corruption was an accepted part of the political culture.

civilization noun [countable/ uncountable]
a society that has developed its own culture and institutions

commander noun [countable]
an officer who is in charge of a military group or operation

danger noun [uncountable]
a situation in which harm, death, damage, or destruction is possible

desire noun [countable/ uncountable]
a strong feeling of wanting to have or to do something

effects noun [plural]
special artificial images and sounds created for a movie
I didn't think much of the plot, but the effects were amazing.

employ verb [transitive]
to pay someone regularly to do a job for you or work as a member of your organization

exist verb [intransitive]
to be real or appear in the real world

float verb [intransitive]
to be lighter than air, and move slowly through it

grab hold of verb phrase [transitive]
to take hold of something in a rough or rude way
I grabbed hold of his hair.

high earner noun [countable]
someone who earns a large amount of money by working

hold-up noun [countable]
a short delay

impressed adjective
admiring someone or something very much, especially because of an unusually good achievement, quality, or skill

inevitable adjective
impossible to avoid or prevent
War now seems almost inevitable.

lie at the heart of verb phrase [transitive]
to be the most important part of something
The questions of training and salary lie at the heart of the dispute.

light year noun [countable]
the distance that light travels in a year, used as a unit for measuring distances in space

mineral noun [countable]
a natural substance in the earth, for example coal, salt, gold, or diamonds

mining noun [uncountable]
the process of getting coal or metal from under the ground

rescue verb [transitive]
to save someone from a dangerous or unpleasant situation
The crew of the tanker were rescued just minutes before it sank in heavy seas.

resource noun [usually plural]
things such as coal, trees, and oil that exist in nature and can be used by people

science fiction noun [uncountable]
books and movies about imaginary future events and characters, often dealing with space travel and life on other planets. Science fiction is often called sci-fi.

security noun [uncountable]
safety from attack, harm, or damage

set verb [transitive, usually passive]
to write or produce a play, book, movie, etc. that happens in a particular time or place
The movie is set in 18th-century New England.

spell verb [transitive]
to show that something is going to happen, usually something bad

visual adjective
relating to things that you can see
Television news brings us visual images from around the world.

