

Dubai's new giant – 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.

AD abbreviation

used after a date to show that it refers to a time after the birth of Jesus Christ

alongside preposition

used for showing that you are comparing one person or thing with another

Our profits seem small alongside those of the big multinational companies.

base noun [countable]

the bottom part, edge, or surface of something
a tall cliff, with a narrow footpath at its base

BC abbreviation

before Christ: used after a date to show that it refers to a time before the birth of Jesus Christ

capable adjective

able to do something

The port is capable of handling 10 million tons of coal a year.

challenge noun [countable/uncountable]

something that needs a lot of skill, energy, and determination to deal with or achieve, especially something you have never done before and will enjoy doing

construction noun [uncountable]

the process of building something large or complicated, such as a bridge or road

The company will finance the construction of a new community sports center.

engineer noun [countable]

someone who designs or builds things such as roads, railroads, bridges, or machines

ensure verb [transitive]

to make certain that something happens or is done

The lifejacket had almost certainly ensured her survival.

fireworks noun [countable usually plural]

an object that explodes when you light it and produces colored lights and loud noises

a fireworks display/party

former, the pronoun

used for referring to the first of two people or things that you have mentioned

Given the choice between rose pink and olive green, I'd choose the former every time (=rose pink).

(in) honor of noun phrase

in order to show respect and admiration for someone or something

St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of Lenin after his death.

inaugurate verb [transitive]

to open a new building or start a new organization with an official ceremony

The newest US embassy was inaugurated today in Caracas, Venezuela.

inhabited adjective

a place that is inhabited has people living in it

labor noun [uncountable]

all the workers in a particular country, industry, or company considered as a group

the declining demand for labor in agriculture

latter, the pronoun

used for referring to the second of two people, things, or groups that have just been mentioned

He did well in both schoolwork and sports and won a number of medals in the latter (=in sports).

man-made adjective

something that is man-made has been made by people and does not exist naturally

mosque noun [countable]

a building in which Muslims worship

pyramid noun [countable]

a large stone structure with a square base and walls with three sides that meet at a point on the top of the structure

stable adjective

not likely to fall or move in the wrong way

The tent is extremely stable even in very high winds.

territory noun [countable]

an area of land that is officially part of a country but does not have the status of a state or province

US territories and possessions

thanks to noun phrase

used for saying that someone or something is responsible for something good that happened

Thanks to this treatment, her condition has improved.

