

## Foreign languages – Glossary

**ashamed** adjective

feeling guilty or embarrassed because you have done something wrong, or think that you have not reached a standard that people expect

*I regret the incident and am deeply ashamed and embarrassed.*

**basics, the** noun [plural]

the most important aspects or principles of something that you should learn, think about, or deal with first

*Let's start with the basics; you have a good job and a nice home.*

**connection** noun [countable]

a relationship between things or events

*His question had no direct connection with our discussion.*

**co-worker** noun [countable]

someone who works with you, especially someone with a similar position or status in an organization

**directions** noun [plural]

instructions for doing something or getting to a place

*She gave the driver directions to her house.*

**effort** noun [countable/uncountable]

an attempt to do something that is difficult or involves hard work

**evening class** noun [countable]

a series of classes for adults in a particular subject that they go to in the evening

**exaggerate** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to describe something in a way that makes it seem better, worse, larger, more important, etc. than it really is

*Don't exaggerate! It wasn't that bad!*

**fluent** adjective

able to speak a foreign language very well

**improve** verb [intransitive]

to become better

*Your English will improve with practice.*

**locals** noun [countable, usually plural]

someone who lives in a particular place, rather than a visitor to that place

*The locals are very welcoming.*

**move** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to begin to live in a different house or area

*We're moving next week.*

**online** adjective

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

**order** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to ask for food or drink in a restaurant or hotel

*I'd like to order the salmon, please.*

**point** noun [singular]

the reason for something

*What is the point of your visit?*

**resort** noun [countable]

a place that many people go to for a vacation

*a ski/seaside/mountain resort*

**résumé** noun [countable]

a document giving details of your educational qualifications and work experience that you send to an employer when you want a new job

**sink or swim** [phrase]

to be left on your own to succeed or fail, without any help

*It's sink or swim in this business.*

**surround** verb [transitive, often passive]

to be all around or on all sides of someone or something

*He found himself surrounded by an admiring crowd.*

**talk, someone can** verb phrase

SPOKEN used for emphasizing that you think someone is giving advice or an opinion that is the opposite of how they live or what they do themselves

*"I was late, so my boss was furious." "He can talk! He's never on time!"*

**terrible** adjective

very bad in quality or ability

*I've always been really terrible at math.*

