

The United States – Glossary

according to preposition
used for saying where information or ideas have come from

album noun [countable]
a CD, record, or cassette with several songs or pieces of music on it
Fans are eagerly awaiting the release of her first solo album.

average adjective
like most others of the same type
The average child spends around ten hours a week watching television.

beat verb [transitive]
to defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle
In 2000, George W. Bush narrowly beat Al Gore in the election.

big adjective
powerful or successful in a particular area of activity

candidate noun [countable]
one of the people competing in an election

chewing gum noun [uncountable]
a type of candy that you chew for a long time but do not swallow

consume verb [transitive]
to eat or drink something

copy noun [countable]
a single newspaper, book, CD, piece of software, etc., that is one of many that are all exactly the same
Her first album sold 100,000 copies.

gold medal noun [countable]
a medal that is given to the winner of a race or competition. The person who comes second gets a silver medal, and the person who is third gets a bronze medal.

main adjective [only before noun]
most important, largest, or most frequently used

military adjective
relating to armies or armed forces and the way they are organized

party noun [countable]
an organized group of people who have similar ideas about the way in which a country should be governed, and who work together to try to persuade people to vote for them in elections

percentage noun [countable/uncountable]
a part of a larger number or amount that is not calculated exactly

per head phrase
for each person

personnel noun [plural]
the people who work for a company or organization, or who are members of a military force

piece noun [countable]
a part that has been cut, broken, or separated from something larger

population noun [singular/uncountable]
the number of people who live in a particular area

pop music noun [uncountable]
a type of music, usually played on electronic instruments, that is popular with many people because it consists of short songs with a strong beat and simple tunes that are easy to remember. Pop music is often simply called *pop*.

ranking noun [countable]
a position on a list that shows how good someone or something is compared to others, especially how good someone is at a sport
Davenport still stands at number one in the world rankings.

solo adjective [usually before noun]
playing or singing alone, not as part of a band,
orchestra, etc.

spectator sport noun [countable]
a sport that a lot of people enjoy watching

statistics noun [plural]
a group of numbers that represent facts or
describe a situation

troops noun [plural]
soldiers, especially in large numbers
*They would send in troops if the situation got
worse.*

