

A royal engagement – Glossary

air force noun [countable]

the part of a country's military organization that uses planes in fighting

announcement noun [uncountable]

the act of publicly or officially stating something
The announcement of Prince Charles' visit caused widespread media interest.

couple noun [countable]

two people who are married or involved in a romantic relationship with each other
The couple first met in 1985.

eldest adjective [usually before noun]

oldest of the people in a group, especially the children in a family
My eldest daughter is a doctor.

engagement noun [countable]

a formal agreement to get married

favourite noun [countable]

the person or animal that is expected to win a race or competition
His horse started favourite for the 1988 Gold Cup.

first in line phrase

before any others in a row of people or things

in fact phrase

used when you are adding something to what you have just said, especially something surprising
I haven't seen him for years. In fact, I can't even remember what he looks like.

informal adjective

used about language or behaviour that is suitable for using with friends but not in formal situations
Beware of being too friendly and informal with your employees.

jewel noun [countable]

a hard, coloured, and usually valuable stone that has been cut and made shiny
precious jewels

on sale phrase

available for people to buy
Tickets for the performance are on sale at the box office.

main adjective [only before noun]

most important, largest, or most frequently used
The main entrance to the building is on George Street.

monarch noun [countable]

a king, or a queen

royal adjective [usually before noun]

relating to a king or queen or the members of their family

royal family noun [countable]

a family consisting of a king or a queen, and their relatives

short adjective

using fewer words or letters than the full form of something
My name is Elizabeth, or Liz for short.

so far phrase

until now
So far we have restricted our attention to the local area.

souvenir noun [countable]

something that you buy during a holiday or at a special event to remind you later of being there
She kept the tickets as a souvenir of the evening.

start verb [transitive]

to bring a business, organization, or project into existence
He decided to quit his job and start his own business.