

Lucky escapes – Glossary

backpack noun [countable]

a large bag that you carry on your back, especially when you are going climbing or walking

bruise noun [countable]

a mark that you get on your body if you are hit or if you knock against something

climbing noun [uncountable]

the activity of climbing mountains and rocks for enjoyment and exercise

come to a halt verb phrase

to stop moving, or to stop a person or vehicle from moving

constriction noun [countable/uncountable]

the act of *constricting* (to become smaller or narrower, or to make something do this)

cushion noun [countable]

a layer that separates two objects and prevents one from hitting or touching the other

diameter noun [countable/uncountable]

MATH a straight line that crosses a circle through the center, or the length of this line
The dome is ten feet in diameter.

drag verb [transitive]

to pull someone strongly or violently when they do not want to go with you

expedition noun [countable]

long trip organized for a particular purpose, especially to a dangerous or distant place

fracture noun [countable]

a break or crack in a bone
She was admitted to the hospital with fractures of both legs.

hammock noun [countable]

a bed consisting of a long piece of cloth or net tied at each end to posts or trees

injured adjective

hurt in an accident or attack
Peter brushed aside worries about his injured knee.

jaw noun [countable]

the lower part of your face that includes your chin and your bottom teeth

kayaking noun [uncountable]

an activity in which you move in a small covered *canoe* (narrow boat with a point at each end) with a single paddle that has two flat ends

open fire verb phrase

to start shooting a gun
Troops opened fire on the crowd.

paw noun [countable]

the foot of some animals such as cats, dogs, and bears

rifle noun [countable]

a large gun with a long barrel that you hold against your shoulder to fire

save someone's life verb phrase

to stop someone from dying
A man who was passing saved her life by pulling her out of the water.

self-defense noun [uncountable]

actions that you take or force that you use in order to protect yourself
Margaret claims she was acting in self-defense when she shot him.

shot noun [countable]

a bullet that is fired from a gun
The third shot hit the officer in the chest.

slide verb [intransitive]

to move smoothly and quickly across a surface
The doors slid open.

slope noun [countable]

the side of a hill or a mountain

venom noun [uncountable]

poison produced by some animals, especially snakes and insects

wrap around phrasal verb [transitive]

to put something around something else
He grabbed a towel to wrap around his waist.