

Evolving English – Glossary

abbreviation noun [countable]

a short form of a word or phrase

MIA is an abbreviation for 'Missing in Action'.

albeit conjunction

FORMAL used for introducing a comment that slightly changes or reduces the effect of what you said before it

The United States finally agreed, albeit unwillingly, to support the UN action.

contrived adjective

false or artificial

deem verb [transitive, never progressive]

FORMAL to consider that someone or something has a particular quality

These buildings are deemed to be of architectural importance and must be protected.

disuse noun [uncountable]

a situation in which something is not being used

The old bridge fell into disuse.

evolve verb [intransitive]

to gradually change and develop over a period of time

Computer software will continue to evolve in response to users' needs.

for the time being phrase

for a short time, until a situation changes

You'll have to stay here for the time being.

inclusion noun [uncountable]

the action of including someone or something in a group, arrangement, document etc

With the inclusion of Italy, the number of member countries increased to six.

light bulb noun [countable]

a glass object that you put in an electric light to produce light. A light bulb is often simply called a bulb.

mischievous adjective

a mischievous person, especially a child, enjoys having fun by causing trouble

There were always mischievous boys around.

object verb [intransitive]

to be opposed to something, or to express your opposition to it in words

I'll take care of it, unless anyone objects.

ongoing adjective

still happening or being done

an ongoing discussion/investigation/study

slang noun [uncountable]

words or expressions that are very informal and are not considered suitable for more formal situations. Some slang is used only by a particular group of people.

In some areas 'scran' is a slang word for food.

social networking site noun [countable]

a website such as Facebook or MySpace that allows you to communicate with friends and make new friends

syllable noun [countable]

LINGUISTICS a word or a part of a word that has only one vowel sound. For example 'son' has one syllable and 'father' has two syllables.

tendency noun [countable]

an attitude, habit, or situation that is starting to develop in a particular way

We continue to see a tendency towards globalization of brands.

topic noun [countable]

a subject that you write or speak about

There has been little research on this particular topic.

unambiguously adverb

clearly and with only one possible meaning