

## England riots – Glossary

**debate** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a discussion in which people or groups state different opinions about a subject

**deliberately** adverb  
with a definite intention, not by chance or by accident  
*You did that deliberately, just to annoy me.*

**district** noun [countable]  
an area of a town or country  
*They live in one of the most exclusive districts of Paris.*

**excuse** verb [transitive]  
to provide a reason or explanation for something bad that someone has done, in order to make it seem less bad  
*I know he's over 70, but that doesn't excuse his sexist attitudes.*

**fatal** adjective  
causing someone to die  
*a fatal heart attack*

**looter** noun [countable]  
someone who steals things from houses or shops during a war or after a disaster such as a fire or flood

**media, the** noun [plural]  
radio, television, newspapers, the internet, and magazines, considered as a group: can be followed by a singular or plural verb  
*Both political parties have accused the media of bias.*

**rioter** noun [countable]  
someone who protests violently about something

**shooting** noun [countable/uncountable]  
an occasion when someone is attacked by a person with a gun  
*Police believe the shootings are gang-related.*

**treble** verb [intransitive/transitive]  
if something trebles, or if you treble it, it becomes three times bigger than it was before

**vehicle** noun [countable]  
a machine that you travel in or on, especially one with an engine that travels on roads, for example a car, bus, van, truck, or motorcycle  
*Watch out for oncoming vehicles.*