

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.

dissuade verb [transitive]
FORMAL to persuade someone not to do something
Campbell tried in vain to dissuade Paton from quitting.

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.

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.

intonation noun [countable/uncountable]
LINGUISTICS the way in which your voice rises or falls when you speak

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.

merge verb [intransitive]
if two things merge, they combine or become mixed so that you can no longer tell the difference between them
For her, work and life merge into one another.

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 appropriate for more formal situations. Some slang is used only by a particular group of people.
“Chow” 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

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.

ubiquitous adjective
FORMAL present everywhere
Their HQ comprises miles of lunch rooms with their ubiquitous coffee machines.