

Countries challenge! – Glossary

border noun [countable]

the official line separating two countries or states

the border between Texas and Mexico

coastline noun [countable]

the land along a coast, especially when seen from the ocean or the air

the rugged coastline of Maine

colony noun [countable]

a country that is controlled by another country
a former British colony

consist of phrasal verb [transitive]

to be made of particular parts or things

Breakfast consisted of dry bread and a cup of tea.

European adjective

relating to Europe, or its people or culture

European languages

flag noun [countable]

a piece of cloth decorated with the pattern and colors that represent a country or organization.

A flag is often hung from a pole called a flagpole.

The American flag is called the stars and stripes.

foreigner noun [countable]

someone who comes from another country

independent adjective

ruled by its own government, rather than controlled by another country

The republic was declared a fully independent state.

island noun [countable]

a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water

islands off the west coast of Canada

lake noun [countable]

a large area of water that is surrounded by land

There were some boys swimming in the lake.

name after phrasal verb [transitive]

to give someone or something the same name as someone or something else, especially the same first name as a member of your family

Albert was named after his grandfather.

official adjective

used about things that are decided by a government

Spanish is the country's official language.

population noun [singular]

the number of people who live in a particular area

Los Angeles has a population of over three million.

rugby noun [uncountable]

a game similar to football played by two teams of players. Goals are scored by kicking the ball over a high bar, and points called tries are scored by putting the ball behind the goal line.

shape noun [countable/uncountable]

the outer form of something

The room forms an L-shape.

-speaking suffix

used with the names of languages to make adjectives meaning speaking a particular language

Canada's French-speaking citizens