

A different world – Glossary

aspect noun [countable]

a particular part, feature, or quality of something

colony noun [countable]

a country that is controlled by another country

destination noun [countable]

the place where someone or something is going

developed adjective

ECONOMICS a developed country, region, or economy has a lot of industries and business activity

draw a conclusion phrase

to decide what to believe about something after you have considered the facts

Readers are invited to draw their own conclusions from the report.

empire noun [countable]

a number of countries ruled by one person or government

the collapse of the Soviet empire

former pronoun

FORMAL used for referring to the first of two people or things that you have mentioned. Use *the latter* to refer to the second person or thing.

Both Williams and Andrews claim the property. The former insists that it was a gift.

generation noun [countable]

the number of years that usually pass between the birth of a person and the birth of that person's children

Within a generation, the family had lost all its wealth.

hand-held adjective

small enough to hold in your hands

iceberg noun [countable]

a very large piece of ice floating in the sea with only a small amount of it above the surface of the water

it goes without saying (that) phrase

used when you think that someone will already know what you are going to tell them because it is so obvious

It goes without saying that consumers would be happier if prices were lower.

jet engine noun [countable]

a type of engine that combines air and burning fuel to create power for a jet plane

latter pronoun

FORMAL used for referring to the second of two people, things, or groups that have just been mentioned

Two treaties were signed, in 1990 and 1998, but only the latter agreement was considered valid.

launch verb [transitive]

to put a boat or ship into water

life expectancy noun [countable/uncountable]

the length of time that someone is likely to live

miraculous adjective

extremely lucky and unexpected

Norwegian noun [countable]

someone from Norway

populous adjective

a populous nation, city, area etc has many people living in it

propeller noun [countable]

a piece of equipment with blades that spin, used for moving a ship or aircraft

proportion noun [countable]

MATHS a quantity of something that is a part or share of the whole

Only a small proportion of graduates fail to find employment.

rarity noun [singular]

something that does not happen often

Visits by presidential candidates are a rarity here.

sink verb [intransitive]

to disappear below the surface of the water

Do you think the cork will float or sink?

struggle verb [intransitive]

to manage with a lot of difficulty to move yourself somewhere

She struggled into her tight jacket.

unimaginable adjective

very difficult to imagine

a regime of unimaginable cruelty