

Fun with idioms – Glossary

authority noun [uncountable]
the power to make decisions or tell people what to do
Parents have legal authority over their children.

CCTV noun [countable/uncountable]
closed-circuit television
They caught him leaving the club at midnight on CCTV.

chairman noun [countable]
the person in charge of a large organisation or company. Many people prefer to say *chair* or *chairperson*, because the word *chairman* suggests that the person in this position is always a man.

crisis noun [countable/uncountable]
an urgent, difficult, or dangerous situation

elbow noun [countable]
the part in the middle of your arm, where it bends
She sat with her elbows on the table.

flash noun [countable]
a bright light that appears for a very short time
The bomb exploded with a blinding flash.

grab verb [transitive]
to take hold of something in a rough or rude way
He grabbed the knife before I could get to it.

intern noun [countable]
a student, or someone who has recently obtained a degree, who works in a job in order to get experience

lawn noun [countable/uncountable]
an area of grass that is cut short, especially in someone's garden
The lawn needs mowing again.

promote verb [transitive, usually passive]
to move someone to a job at a higher level
A college course can help you find work or get promoted.

promotion noun [countable/uncountable]
a move to a higher level in a company, institution, or sport
We try to fill our executive positions by promotion from within.