

Events of 2011 – Glossary

album noun [countable]

a CD, record, or cassette with several songs or pieces of music on it

The band will release their third album in May.

Arab adjective

relating to the Middle East or North Africa, or to the people, language, or culture of those regions

Arab states/leaders

beat verb [transitive]

to defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle

England needed to beat Germany to get to the final.

championship noun [countable]

a competition to find the best player or team in a sport or game

the World Chess Championships

co- prefix

sharing a job or responsibility: used with some nouns, verbs, and adjectives

her co-star (=another main actor taking part with her in the film)

damage verb [transitive]

to harm something physically so that it is broken, spoiled, or injured

Many buildings and cars had been damaged in the blast.

debt noun [countable]

an amount of money that you owe

By this time we had debts of over £15,000.

earthquake noun [countable]

a sudden shaking movement of the ground

founder noun [countable]

someone who starts a school, organisation, business, or community

one of the original founders of the Communist party in Britain

Middle East, the proper noun

the region of the world that consists of the countries east of the Mediterranean Sea and west of India. It includes Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran, and Iraq.

nuclear reactor noun [countable]

a machine used for producing nuclear energy, usually in the form of electricity

protest noun [countable]

something such as a meeting or public statement by people who strongly disagree with a policy, law etc

peaceful protests against the war

reach verb [transitive]

to get as high as a particular level or amount

Temperatures here can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

royal adjective [usually before noun]

relating to a king or queen or the members of their family

the royal palace

serious adjective

bad or dangerous enough to make you worried

The sale of the company will have serious implications for people's jobs.

tsunami noun [countable]

a very large wave or series of waves caused when something such as an earthquake moves a large quantity of water in the sea

wedding noun [countable]

a ceremony in which two people get married