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