

Countries quiz – Glossary

aircraft noun [countable]

an airplane, helicopter, or other vehicle that flies
They came under attack from enemy aircraft.

Arabic noun [uncountable]

the language that most people speak in the Middle East and in most countries of North Africa. It exists in many different dialects.

border noun [countable]

the official line separating two countries or states
Argentina's northern border with Bolivia

civil war noun [countable/uncountable]

a war fought between different groups of people within the same country

coastline noun [countable]

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

currency noun [countable/uncountable]

the system of money used in a particular country
the single European currency

discover verb [transitive]

to find a place, fact, or substance that no one knew about before
William Herschel discovered Uranus in 1781.

earthquake noun [countable]

a sudden shaking movement of the ground

empire noun [countable]

a number of countries ruled by one person or government
the Ottoman Empire

erupt verb [intransitive]

if a volcano erupts, it explodes inside and flames, rocks, and lava come out of the top

hurricane noun [countable]

a violent storm with extremely strong winds and heavy rain

Islam noun [uncountable]

the religion based on the ideas of Muhammad. Its followers are called Muslims and they worship in a mosque. The holy book of Islam is the Koran.

join verb [transitive]

to become a member of an organization, club, etc.
He wants to join the army.

natural disaster noun [countable]

something that happens in nature and causes a lot of damage or kills a lot of people, for example a flood or an earthquake

natural resources noun [plural]

valuable substances such as wood and oil that exist in a country's land and ocean

oil noun [uncountable]

a thick dark smooth liquid from under the ground, used for making gas and other fuels
The Middle Eastern countries produce most of the world's oil.

part noun [countable]

a region of a country or district of a city
She came from a remote part of China.

populous adjective

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

tourist attraction noun [countable]

a place to visit that is very popular with tourists

volcano noun [countable]

a mountain that forces hot gas, rocks, ash, and lava (melted rock) into the air through a hole at the top. Some volcanoes are not immediately dangerous because they are not active and have become dormant. Others will never be dangerous again because they are completely extinct.
The volcano last erupted over fifty years ago.

wild adjective

a wild animal or plant lives or grows on its own in natural conditions and is not raised by humans
This trait is common to both domestic and wild dogs.