

Vernal equinox – Glossary

accumulate verb [intransitive]
to increase in quantity over a period of time

Anglo-Saxon noun [countable]
one of the people who came to England in the fifth century and ruled it until 1066

axis noun [countable]
ASTRONOMY an imaginary line through the middle of an object such as a planet, around which it seems to spin

burial noun [countable/uncountable]
the process of putting a dead body into a grave in the ground at a funeral

convinced adjective
certain that something is true

counter noun [countable]
AMERICAN a long flat surface in a kitchen where you prepare food

Easter noun [countable/uncountable]
a Sunday in March or April when Christians celebrate the time when Jesus Christ died then returned to life according to the Bible

equinox noun [countable]
ASTRONOMY one of the two days in the year when the day and night are the same length

fertile adjective
fertile land is able to produce good crops or plants

goddess noun [countable]
one of the female spirits or beings with special powers that people in some religions believe in and worship

harvest verb [intransitive/transitive]
to collect a crop from the fields

hemisphere noun [countable]
one half of the Earth, divided between north and south by the equator

loved one noun [countable]
someone who you care about very much, especially a member of your family

magnetic adjective
PHYSICS a magnetic piece of metal can make iron or steel objects come to it so that they seem to stick to it

offering noun [countable]
something that people give as a present to God (the spirit, being, or force that many people believe created and controls the universe)

pagan adjective
relating to an ancient religion that had many gods and praised nature

rebirth noun [uncountable]
the belief, according to some religions, that a person's spirit is born again into another body after death

renewal noun [countable/uncountable]
a process of improving, repairing, or making something more successful

resurrection noun [singular/uncountable]
the act of making something exist again or of starting to use something again after it has disappeared, been forgotten, or stopped being used

spring cleaning noun [countable/uncountable]
the activity of cleaning a house completely, especially at the end of winter

symbolize verb [transitive]
to be a symbol of something

tilt verb [intransitive]
if something tilts, it moves so that one side is lower than the other

tomb noun [countable]
a grave where a dead person is buried, especially one consisting of a large stone structure

upright adverb
in or into a straight standing position
Pictures were propped upright against all the walls.

worship noun [uncountable]
the activity of showing respect and love for a god, for example by singing or praying