

## 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, round 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

*Despite all my father's arguments, I still wasn't convinced.*

**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

**Saxon** noun [countable]

a member of a group of German people who came to live in England in the fifth and sixth centuries

**spring cleaning** noun [countable/uncountable]

the activity of cleaning a house completely, especially at the end of winter

**symbolise** 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.*

**worktop** noun [countable]

BRITISH a flat surface for working on in a kitchen

**worship** noun [uncountable]

the activity of showing respect and love for a god, for example by singing or praying