

Planets – Glossary

agriculture noun [uncountable]
the work, business, or study of farming
Most of the population is employed in agriculture and fishing.

atmosphere noun [countable]
the air around the Earth or around another planet

commerce noun [uncountable]
the activity of buying and selling goods and services

counterpart noun [countable]
someone or something that has the same job or purpose as another person or thing, but in a different country, time, situation, or organization
The ambassador is meeting his German counterpart.

dense adjective
a dense substance is very heavy in relation to its size

diameter noun [countable/uncountable]
a straight line that crosses a circle through the center, or the length of this line
a pipe with a 4-inch diameter

diver noun [countable]
someone who swims under water, especially as their job

dust storm noun [countable]
a storm during which a very strong wind blows a lot of dry soil around

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

Greek adjective
relating to Greece, or its language or culture

helium noun [countable]
a gas that is lighter than air, often used for lifting large balloons

hydrogen noun [countable]
a gas that has no color or smell and is lighter than air

messenger noun [countable]
someone who delivers messages to people, often as their job

moon noun [countable]
an object similar to a planet that goes around another planet, as the Moon goes around the Earth
the first spacecraft ever to land on the Moon

mythology noun [countable/uncountable]
a collection of ancient myths, especially those of a particular country or religion

neighboring adjective
near or next to each other

nitrogen noun [uncountable]
a gas with no color or smell that exists in large quantities in the air that we breathe

orbit verb [intransitive/transitive]
to move around a large object in space such as a planet

oxygen noun [uncountable]
a gas in the air that has no smell or taste, and that all animals depend on to breathe

radiate verb [intransitive/transitive]
to produce energy in the form of electromagnetic waves such as heat, light, or radio waves

Roman adjective
relating to or from ancient Rome or its empire

satellite noun [countable]
a natural object such as a moon that moves around a planet

solar system noun [countable, usually singular]
a star and the planets that go around it, especially the Sun and the group of planets that includes the Earth

volcano noun [countable]
a mountain that forces hot gas, rocks, ash, and lava (melted rock) into the air through a hole at the top
The volcano last erupted over fifty years ago.

winged adjective
a winged creature has wings