

Wimbledon – Glossary

amateur noun [countable]
someone who does something because they enjoy it instead of as a job

banner noun [countable]
a wide piece of cloth with a message on it, often stretched between two poles

base on phrasal verb [transitive]
to use something as a model for a movie, piece of writing, or work of art
The movie is based on a true story.

clock noun [countable]
an object that shows the time. The object like a clock that you wear on your wrist is called a *watch*. Clocks either have a background called a *face* with hands that point to the hours and minutes, or they are digital clocks that show the time as a set of numbers.

consecutive adjective
following one after another in order and with nothing else in between
He's been late now on three consecutive days.

courtyard noun [countable]
a square area that is surrounded by buildings or walls

cream noun [uncountable]
a thick yellowish-white liquid taken from the top of milk

defeat verb [transitive]
to win against someone in a game, fight, or election

fifth number
in the place or position counted as number 5

free [from/of] adjective
not containing or involving something unpleasant

impressive adjective
if something is impressive, you admire it, for example because it is very good, large, or shows great skill

obscurity noun [uncountable]
a state in which a person or thing is not well known or not remembered
He was a famous poet, but he died in obscurity.

palace noun [countable]
a very large building, especially one used as the official home of a royal family, president, or important religious leader

palm noun [countable]
the inside part of your hand, between your fingers and your wrist

professional noun [countable]
someone who plays a sport or does an activity as a job rather than for enjoyment

racket noun [countable]
an object used for hitting the ball in games such as tennis, with a long handle and a round part with strings

retired adjective
no longer working in a job or career, especially after having worked in it for most of your life

squash noun [uncountable]
a game in which two players use rackets to hit a small ball against a wall. You play squash on an indoor area called a *court*.

strawberry noun [countable]
a small soft red fruit with a lot of very small seeds on its skin

suburb noun [countable]
an area or town near a large city but away from its center, where there are many houses, especially for middle-class people

tournament noun [countable]
a series of games in which the winner of each game plays in the next game until there is one player or team left

umbrella noun [countable]
an object that you hold over your head when it is raining

zip code noun [countable]
a series of numbers added to your address to make it easier to deliver letters to you