

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 film, piece of writing or work of art
The film 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
Bilbao defeated Salamanca by 2–1.

fifth number
in the place or position counted as number 5

free [from/of] adjective
not containing or involving something unpleasant
We want to give all children a world free from violence.

impressive adjective
if something is impressive, you admire it, for example because it is very good, large or shows great skill
The list of their achievements is pretty impressive.

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

postcode noun [countable]
a group of numbers, or letters and numbers, that you write at the end of a person's address to help the postman find the exact area where they live

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

racquet/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 racquets 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 centre, 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