

Exploring Mars – Glossary

analyse verb [transitive]

to study or examine something in detail in order to find out what it contains

Scientists analysed samples of leaves taken from the area.

astronaut noun [countable]

someone who travels and works in space

beam noun [countable]

PHYSICS a line of light or other form of energy
the beam of the car headlights

carry out phrasal verb [transitive]

to do a particular piece of work, research etc

The building work was carried out by a local contractor.

climate noun [uncountable]

the type of weather that a country or region has

Mexico is renowned for its hot climate and spicy food.

follower noun [countable]

someone who receives the Tweets that another person sends using the online social networking service Twitter

The controversial comedian has an incredible 3,522,354 followers on Twitter.

geology noun [singular]

the way that particular rocks or areas of the Earth's surface are formed

the geology of oil fields

laboratory noun [countable]

a building or large room where people do scientific and medical experiments or research

laser noun [countable]

PHYSICS a piece of equipment that produces a powerful narrow line of light. It is used for cutting hard substances, directing the paths of missiles and in medical operations

New laser eye surgery can correct your vision.

mobile adjective [only before noun]

a mobile shop, library etc is in a vehicle so that it can be moved from one place to another
a mobile health clinic

parachute noun [countable]

a large piece of cloth joined to heavy strings, used by someone jumping out of a plane

remote-controlled adjective

operated by a piece of equipment from a short distance away

right now phrase

at the present time

We're working on it right now, so it should be ready soon.

rocky adjective

covered with rocks, or made of rock
a rocky coastline

solar system noun [countable]

ASTRONOMY a star and the planets that go round it, especially the Sun and the group of planets that includes the Earth
the search for planets in other solar systems

sophisticated adjective

complicated and advanced in design
highly sophisticated surveillance equipment

spacecraft noun [countable]

a vehicle that can travel in space