

The United States – Glossary

at least phrase

not less than a particular amount or number, and possibly more

We are expecting to at least double our money.

average noun [countable/uncountable]

an amount that is calculated by adding several numbers together and dividing the total by the original number of things you added together

The people in the study lost an average of six pounds each.

born adjective [never before a noun]

when a baby is born, it comes out of its mother's body and starts its life

The twins were born on August 29, 1962.

candidate noun [countable]

one of the people competing in an election

the Democratic/Republican candidate

election noun [countable]

an occasion when people vote for someone to represent them, especially in government

Only about 20% of the people voted in the local elections.

flag noun [countable]

a piece of cloth decorated with the pattern and colors that represent a country or organization

The American flag is called the stars and stripes.

height noun [countable/uncountable]

how high something is, or how tall someone is

He was about the same height as his wife.

household noun [countable]

the people who live in a house or apartment considered as a single unit

What percentage of the city's households live in poverty?

mountain range noun [countable]

a long row of mountains

per preposition

used for stating the rate or cost for each unit of time, quantity, distance, etc.

Calculate the cost per pound.

presidential adjective [only before a noun]

relating to a president

a presidential election/campaign/candidate

rectangle noun [countable]

a shape with four straight sides and four angles of 90°

represent verb

to be a sign or symbol of something

The color red commonly represents danger.

star noun [countable]

an object or shape with five or more points that looks like a star

We always put a star at the top of our Christmas tree.

state noun [countable]

a region of a country that has its own government for some matters

The state of Michigan had revoked the license.

stripe noun [countable]

a line of one color on a background of a different color

a white shirt with red stripes

vote verb

to formally express an opinion by choosing between two or more issues, people, etc.

I'm going to vote for Jackson.

win verb

to defeat everyone else by being the best or by finishing first in a competition

I play tennis against her every week, but she always wins.

