

Glossary

Word	Definition
Autonomous	(of a country, a region or an organisation) able to govern itself or control its own affairs
Barren	(of land or soil) not good enough for plants to grow on it
Irrigating	to supply water to an area of land, typically through pipes or channels, so that crops will grow
Scenic	having beautiful natural scenery
Glacier	a slow-moving mass or river of ice, formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or South Pole
Census	the process of officially counting something, especially a country's population, and recording various facts
Density	how thick a solid, liquid or gas is, measured by its mass per unit of volume
Congestion	the state of being crowded and full of traffic
Employment	work, especially when it is done to earn money; the state of being employed
Sanitation	the equipment and systems that keep places clean, especially by removing human waste
Overcrowding	the situation when there are too many people or things in one place
Fertile	(of land or soil) that plants grow well in
Nomad	a member of a community that moves with its animals from place to place
Phenomena	a fact or an event in nature or society, especially one that is not fully understood
Construction	the process or method of building or making something, especially roads, buildings, bridges, etc.
Cyclone	a violent tropical storm in which strong winds move in a circle
Earthquake	a sudden, violent shaking of the earth's surface
Farmland	land that is used for farming
Livelihood	a means of earning money in order to live
Shrimp	a small shellfish that can be eaten, like a prawn but smaller. Shrimps turn pink when cooked.

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Prawn	a shellfish that can be eaten, with ten legs and a long tail. Prawns turn pink when cooked.
Drainage	the process by which water or liquid waste is drained from an area
Salinity	the fact of containing salt; the amount of salt contained in something
Evaporation	the process of a liquid changing or being changed into a gas
Humidity	the amount of water in the air
Topography	the physical features of an area of land, especially the position of its rivers, mountains, etc.; the study of these features
Vegetation	plants in general, especially the plants that are found in a particular area or environment
Equator	an imaginary line around the earth at an equal distance from the North and South Poles
Equatorial	near the equator or typical of a country that is near the equator
Moderate	that is neither very good, large, hot, etc. nor very bad, small, cold, etc.
Adapt	to change your behaviour in order to deal more successfully with a new situation
Heatstroke	an illness with a high temperature and often loss of consciousness, caused by being in too great a heat for too long
Headache	a continuous pain in the head
Dryness	the state of not being wet, or of having no water or moisture
Forecasting	to say what you think will happen in the future based on information that you have now
Meteorologist	a scientist who studies the earth's atmosphere and its changes, used especially in predicting what the weather will be like
Thermometer	an instrument used for measuring the temperature of the air, a person's body, etc.
Gauge	an instrument for measuring the amount or level of something
Barometer	an instrument for measuring air pressure to show when the weather will change
Anemometer	an instrument for measuring the speed of the wind or of a current of gas
Drought	a long period of time when there is little or no rain
Avalanche	a mass of snow, ice and rock that falls down the side of a mountain

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Landslide	a mass of earth, rock, etc. that falls down the slope of a mountain or a cliff
Tsunami	an extremely large wave in the sea caused, for example, by an earthquake
Compass	an instrument for finding direction, with a needle that always points to the north
Archaeologist	a person who studies archaeology
Hieroglyphs	a picture or symbol of an object, representing a word, syllable or sound, especially as used in ancient Egyptian and other writing systems
Looted	to steal things from shops or buildings after a riot, fire, etc.
Competent	having enough skill or knowledge to do something well or to the necessary standard
Artillery	large, heavy guns which are often moved on wheels
Castes	any of the four main divisions of Hindu society, originally those made according to functions in society
Throne	a special chair used by a king or queen to sit on at ceremonies
Scholars	a person who knows a lot about a particular subject because they have studied it in detail
Architect	a person whose job is designing buildings
Poet	a person who writes poems
Mosaic	a picture or pattern made by placing together small pieces of glass, stone, etc. of different colours
Philosopher	a person who studies or writes about philosophy
Politician	a person whose job involves politics, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc
Tutored	to be a tutor to an individual student or a small group; to teach somebody, especially privately
Cartridge	a tube or case containing explosive and a bullet or shot, for shooting from a gun
Conviction	the act of finding somebody guilty of a crime in court; the fact of having been found guilty
Sovereignty	complete power to govern a country

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Naturalisation	the process of making somebody who was not born in a particular country a citizen of that country
Harmony	a state of peaceful existence and agreement
Pedestrian	a person walking in the street and not travelling in a vehicle
Entities	something that exists separately from other things and has its own identity
Commodity	a product or a raw material that can be bought and sold
Interfaith	between or connected with people of different religions
Newspaper	a set of large printed sheets of paper, or a website, containing news, articles, advertisements, etc. and published every day or every week; the organization responsible for producing this
Magazine	a type of large thin book with a paper cover that you can buy every week or month, containing articles, photographs, etc., often on a particular topic; a similar collection of articles, etc. that appears regularly online
Revolutionised	to completely change the way that something is done
Functionality	the quality in something of being very suitable for the purpose it was designed for
Application	a formal (often written) request for something, such as a job, permission to do something or a place at a college or university
Fatal	causing or ending in death
Portable	that is easy to carry or to move
Automatic	having controls that work without needing a person to operate them
Cellular	connected with or consisting of the cells of plants or animals