

# Glossary

abundance	a very large amount
abundantly	more than enough; great in number or amount
accommodate	to provide space for somebody or something
accommodation	lodgings, sometimes also including food
adjacent	situated near or next to something
administrative	of or involving the management of public or business affairs
adventure	an unusual, exciting or dangerous experience
advertisement	a public notice offering or asking for goods, services, etc.
aerobridge	an extendable tunnel-like device which goes from the airport gate to the airplane and allows passengers to walk in comfort to the plane
agency	a business or organization providing a specified service
agrarian	relating to agricultural land
aircraft	any machine or structure that can fly in the air and carry goods or passengers.
alphabet	a set of letters or symbols in a fixed order, used when writing a language.
ancient	belonging to times that are long past
anxiety	worry
apartment	a set of rooms for living in, including a kitchen, usually on one floor of a building
appealing	attractive; charming

appointment	an arrangement to meet or visit somebody at a particular time
approximately	about
archaeological	of or related to the study of ancient cultures, peoples and periods of history by scientific analysis of physical remains, especially those found in the ground
architecture	the design or style of a building or buildings
array	an impressive display or series
artificial	made or produced as a copy of something natural; not real
artisan	a worker who is skilled at making things
at leisure	without hurrying
at work	busy doing something
attractive	pleasing or interesting
auspicious	showing signs of future success; favorable; promising
authentic	known to be true or genuine
authenticity	the quality of being genuine
available	that can be obtained or used
baggage carousel	a large moving belt that baggage is put on after it is taken off a plane; the passengers then may get their baggage
baggage claim check	a ticket used to identify and claim baggage or property taken on a plane
balcony	a platform with a wall or rail built onto the outside wall of a building and reached from an upstairs room
banknote	a piece of paper money issued by a bank
barbecue	an outdoor meal or party at which food is cooked on a metal frame over an open fire

bargain	to discuss prices, conditions, etc. with somebody in order to reach an agreement that is favorable to oneself
basketry	making baskets; the business of making baskets
beach resort	resort on a beach
befitting	being appropriate for somebody or something
benefit	a thing that one gains from something; an advantage that something gives
blade	the flat cutting part of a knife, sword, etc.
blend	a mixture of different things
blissful	extremely happy; full of joy
bloom	a flower
boast	to possess something that one can be proud of
booking	reservation
border	the line dividing two countries or areas; the land near this line
boundary stone	a stone that marks a limit
brochure	a small book or magazine containing pictures and information about something or advertising
broil	to cook meat on a fire or over metal bars
Buddha image	Buddha statue
bus route	the way between two places along which buses travel regularly
business hour	the normal time of business
cabinet	a group of the most important government ministers or advisors to a president, responsible for deciding on government administration and policy
cargo	a load of goods carried in a ship or an aircraft

carving	cutting solid material in order to form something
category	a class or group of people or things regarded as having certain features, etc. in common
celebration	an occasion of marking a happy or important day, event, etc. with a social gathering where people can enjoy themselves
century	a period of 100 years
certificate	an official written or printed statement that may be used as proof or evidence of certain facts
charge	to ask an amount as a price
check in	to register as a guest at a hotel or as a passenger at an airport, etc.
chopsticks	pair of sticks (wood, ivory, etc.) used by Chinese and Japanese to lift food to the mouth
civilization	a society, its culture and its way of life during a particular period of time or in a particular part of the world
clarify	to make something clearer or easier to understand
cloister	a covered passage round an open court or square
coast	the land beside or near to the sea
collection	a group of objects or people
complex	a group of similar buildings or facilities on one site
cone	a solid figure that slopes up to a point from a circular flat base
conflict	a struggle, a fight
contemporary	belonging to the same time
Continental	of the mainland of Europe
contribution	a thing, especially money, that is given to a person or an organization

convenient	situated nearby; easily accessible
convert	to change from one form or use to another
cordially	in a friendly manner
corn cob	the long hard part at the top of a maize plant, on which the grains grow
coronation	a ceremony at which a crown is formally put on the head of a new king or queen
cosy	warm and comfortable
cottage	a small simple house
countryside	fields, woods, etc. outside towns and cities
coup	a sudden, illegal and often violent, change of government
couple	two people who are seen together or are associated, especially a man and a woman together
courtyard	a space without a roof but enclosed by walls, especially forming part of a castle, hotel, etc.
crack	to break or make something break without dividing into separate parts
craftsman	a skilled man, especially one who makes beautiful things by hand
crane	a machine with a long arm which is used to lift and move heavy weights
credit card	a small plastic card that allows its holder to buy goods and services on credit and to pay at fixed intervals
crispy	hard, dry and easily broken
cross-beam	a long piece of wood, metal, concrete, etc. placed across, especially one that supports parts of a structure or a building

crush	to break something firm or hard into small pieces or into powder by pressing
cuisine	a style of cooking or food
culminate	to reach the highest point or specified conclusion or result
culture	the customs, arts, social institutions, etc. of a particular group or nation
currency	the system of money used in a country
curry paste	a soft wet mixture of various spices used in making curry
curry	a dish of meat, fish, vegetables, etc. cooked with certain hot-tasting spices
customs	the taxes that must be paid to the government on goods brought in from other countries.
cute	attractive; pretty and charming
dedicated	giving time, effort and loyalty to an aim, a job, etc.
delicacy	a food that is highly regarded, especially in a particular place
delicious	giving pleasure to the senses of taste and smell.
delightful	very pleasant.
deluxe	of a very high quality
demon	a wicked or cruel spirit.
denomination	a class of units within a range or sequence of money, numbers, etc.
depict	to show or represent somebody or something as a picture
dessert	any sweet food eaten at the end of a meal.
detail	small, particular fact or item

dip	to put or lower something into a liquid
directions	information or instructions about what to do, where to go, how to do something, etc.
disembarking passenger	arriving passenger
distance	the amount of space between two points or places
distinctive	that distinguishes something by making it different from others
domain	a field of knowledge or activity
domestic airport	an airport that accommodates flights to and from places within a country
domestic market	market for products within a particular country.
dominant	most important, powerful or prominent.
dominate	to have control or power over or a very strong influence on somebody or something
donation	making a gift of money, clothes, food, etc. for a good cause, especially to a charity
double room	a room designed for two people
downtown	to or in the center of a city, especially the main business and commercial district.
dyeing	coloring something, especially by dipping it in a liquid.
emaciated	thin and weak
embarking passenger	departing passenger.
embroidery	cloth decorated with patterns sewn in thread of various colors
emissary	a person sent to deliver a message, especially from one nation to another, or to conduct negotiations.
empire	a group of countries or states that have a single ruler or ruling power
emporium	a shop selling a variety of goods

enhance	to increase or improve further the good quality, value or status of somebody or something
envoy	a messenger or representative, especially one sent to deal with a foreign government
equip	to supply or provide oneself, somebody or something with what is needed for a particular purpose
establish	to begin something on a firm or permanent basis
ethnic	typical of a particular cultural group
exception	a thing that does not follow a rule
exchange rate	the relation in value between the money used in different countries
exclusive	expensive and not commonly bought or used by the majority of people
executive	having power to put important decisions, laws, etc. into effect
exotic	introduced from another country; not native
expel	to force somebody to leave a place, especially a country, school or club
export	to sell and transport goods to a foreign country
exquisitely	finely or skillfully
facilities	aids, circumstances, which make it easy to do things
fare	money charged for a journey by bus, ship, taxi, etc.
far-sighted	seeing future problems and possibilities clearly and planning for them
fascinating	having great attraction or charm
fast	a period of not eating food
fauna	all the animals of an area or of a period of time.
favorite	most liked



fertile	that can produce good crops.
fiancée	a woman to whom one is engaged to be married.
fiery	like or consisting of fire
flexible	can bend easily without breaking
flight	a journey made by air, especially in an aircraft.
flora	all the plants of a particular area or of a period of time.
formality	an official rule or procedure
formulate	to create or prepare something carefully and with attention to detail
free of charge	without payment.
front desk	reception
gable	the triangular upper part of the side or end of a building, under a sloping roof
gallery	a covered walk or corridor partly open at one side.
gem	a precious stone, especially when cut and polished
gesture	a movement of a part of the body, especially the hand or head, intended to suggest a certain meaning
gild	to cover something with a thin layer of gold or with gold paint
governor	a person appointed to govern a province or state
guest	a person staying at a hotel.
guidance	help or advice given to somebody especially by somebody in authority
haggling	bargaining.
handicraft	art or craft needing skill with hands, for example pottery, woodwork, etc.
harmonious	arranged together in a pleasing way so that each part matches the others.

headquarters	a place from which an organization is controlled
heritage	things such as works of art, cultural achievements and customs that have been passed on from earlier generations
hospitable	pleased to welcome and entertain guests
hotel representative	a person who represents the hotel
immigration booth	an area at an airport at which the passports and other documents of people wanting to come into a country are checked
inclination	a feeling that makes somebody want to do something or behave in a particular way
inclusive	including something
incomparable	beyond comparison
independent	not controlled by other people or things
indicate	to show something
influence	power to affect somebody's character, beliefs, or actions through example, fear, admiration, etc.
ingredient	one of the parts of a mixture
initially	at the beginning; at first
inlay	to make a design on a surface by putting pieces of wood or metal into it, so that the resulting surface is smooth
intricately	composed of many small parts put together in a complex way
item	a single article or unit in a list, etc.
jewelry	ornaments, for example rings and necklaces, made of gold or silver and set with jewels
journey	an act of travelling from one place to another

judicial	relating to the legal system and to judgements made in a court of law
laundry	clothes, sheets, etc. that have been or need to be washed
layman	a Church member who is not a priest or a member of the clergy.
legislative	involving or relating to the process of making and passing laws
liberation	setting free
limousine	a large, expensive, comfortable car, especially one with a glass screen separating the driver from the passengers
livestock	the animals kept on a farm for use or profit, for example cattle or sheep.
local	belonging or relating to a particular place or district
look forward to	to be eager for something that one expects to be enjoyable to happen.
luggage	bags, cases, etc. containing somebody's belongings and taken on a journey. The American word is "baggage"
magnificent	splendid; remarkable; impressive
magnificently	splendidly; impressively
maid	a female servant in a house or hotel.
making merit	doing something good for a temple or for monks
marvellously	wonderfully
maximum	the greatest amount, size, intensity, etc. possible or recorded
meditate	to think deeply, usually in silence, especially for religious purposes or in order to relax

menu	a list of dishes available at a restaurant or to be served at a meal
mild	not strong or bitter
mince	to cut food, especially meat, into very small pieces in a machine with revolving blades
miniature	very small; of a much smaller size than usual
mini-bar	a small cupboard containing drinks, especially in a hotel room
minimum	the least or smallest amount, degree, etc. possible
minority	a smaller group, part, etc. compared with another group
missionary	person sent to preach his religion, especially among people who are ignorant of it.
modification	a usually small change made to something
monarch	a supreme ruler such as a king or queen
monarchy	a system of government by a monarch.
mother-of-pearl	the hard smooth shiny substance in various colors that forms a layer inside the shells of certain shellfish and is used for making buttons, ornaments, etc.
mouthwatering	making one want to eat; extremely delicious.
natural resources	all the land, forests, energy sources and minerals existing naturally in a place that can be used by people.
Night Bazaar	the night market in Chiang Mai
ordination	the action or ceremony of making somebody a priest or minister
overlook	to have or give a view of a place from above it.
palate	the roof of the mouth.

pamphlet	small paper-covered book, especially on a question of current interest.
pantheon	all the gods of a nation or people
paradise	an ideal or perfect place
passenger	a person travelling in a car, bus, plane, etc., other than the driver, the pilot or a member of the crew.
passion	a strong feeling of hate, love or anger.
patronage	the support and encouragement given by a patron.
peel	to take the skin off fruit, vegetables, etc.
peninsula	an area of land almost surrounded by water or projecting far into the sea.
performance	an act of performing a play, a concert or some other entertainment.
pier	a low structure of wood or iron built from the land out into the sea or a lake, where boats can stop and load or unload passengers or goods
play an important role	have an important function
popular	liked, admired or enjoyed by many people
population	the total number of people living somewhere
porcelain	articles made of a fine china with a coating of transparent material called glaze
porter	a person whose job is carrying people's luggage in airports, hotels, etc.
portrait	a painting, drawing or photograph of a person, especially of the face alone.
precious stone	a jewel, for example a diamond or a ruby.
predominant	most noticeable or important

prejudice	dislike or distrust of a person, group, custom, etc. that is based on fear or false information rather than on reason or experience, and that influences one's attitude and behavior towards them.
private	quiet and free from people who may interrupt.
process	a method of doing or making something, especially one used in industry.
prosper	to be successful, especially financially.
prosperity	the state of being successful, especially financially.
purchase	a thing bought.
pursue	to do, to have or take part in something.
quality	a high standard or level.,
rain or shine	whether there is rain or sun; whatever happens
rapidly	fast
rattan	a climbing plant that has long thin stems, used for making furniture, etc.
reasonable	not too expensive; acceptable
rebirth	the process of coming or bringing something back into existence or use
recommend	to advise something; suggest as wise or suitable
region	an administrative division of a country
reign	to rule as king or queen
relative	a person who is related to another
relief	a design or carving that projects from a flat surface
religion	a particular system of faith and worship based on religious belief
replica	a close or exact copy of something
reputation	the opinion that people in general have about what somebody or something is like

reservation	arrangement to keep something for somebody
reserve	to order a seat, table, etc. for use by a particular person at a future time
resort	a place where people gather for recreational purposes
restore	to bring somebody or something back to a former condition
retractable	that can be moved or pulled in
reveal	to cause or allow something to be seen
revere	to feel deep respect or admiration for somebody or something
righteousness	doing, thinking, etc. what is morally right
robe	long, loose garment worn as a sign of rank or office
rush hour	the time each day when roads are most full of traffic and trains and buses are most crowded because people are going to or coming from work.
scattered	lying far apart; not close together
schedule	a program of work to be done or of planned events.
serve	to give food to somebody at a meal; to place food on the table at a meal
service charge	a sum added to a bill to pay for the service given by the staff.
shopping arcade	a covered passage or area, especially one with arches and shops along one or both sides.
shuttle bus	a bus that travels regularly between two places.
siege	a military operation in which an army tries to capture a town, etc. by surrounding it and stopping the supply of food, etc. to the people inside
sightseeing	the activity of visiting places of interest as a tourist

silhouette	to make something appear as a dark outline seen against a light background
silverware	articles made of silver
similar	resembling somebody or something but not the same
single room	a room designed for one person
sitting-room	living-room
snaggle-toothed	teeth that are crooked and sticking out
solé	the bottom part of the foot, on which one walks and stands
solid	of the same substance throughout
sophisticated	having or showing a lot of experience of the world and social situations
souvenir	a thing taken, bought or received as a gift, and kept to remind one of a person, a place or an event.
spacious	having or providing a lot of space
sparkle	to shine brightly with flashes of light
specialty	a service or product for which a person, place, company, etc. is well-known
spectacular	making a very fine display or show
spicy	flavored with spice; smelling or tasting of spice
sprawling	spread in an untidy way in different directions over a large area
stained glass	colored glass, used especially to make windows in churches
stall	a table or small shop with an open front from which things are sold in a market, in a railway station, etc.
steep	rising or falling sharply, not gradually
storey	floor or level in a building



stucco	plaster or cement used for covering or decorating walls or ceilings.
substitute	a person or thing that replaces, acts for or serves as somebody or something else
successive	coming one after the other without a break
successor	a person or thing that comes after and takes the place of somebody or something.
suitcase	a case with flat sides and a handle, used for carrying clothes, etc. when travelling
suite	a set of rooms in a hotel
summit	the highest point; the top, especially of a mountain
superb	excellent; splendid
supersede	to take the place of something or somebody that was present or used before
supper	the last meal of the day, usually lighter and less formal than dinner
syrup	any thick sweet liquid
tapestry	a large piece of cloth into which threads of colored wool are woven or sewn by hand to make pictures or designs
tender	loving, gentle
terminal	a building at an airport that provides services to passengers arriving and departing by plane
the wee hours	the small hours; the three or four hours after midnight
tile	a flat piece of baked clay or other material used in rows for covering roofs, walls, floors, etc.
tolerant	allowing something that one does not like or agree with to happen or continue

tourist agency	an organization or business that provides a travel service.
trace	to find the origin or cause of something
tradition	the passing of beliefs or customs from one generation to the next.
traffic	vehicles moving along a road or street.
trainee	a person being trained for a job, etc.
transfer service	a service of taking passengers from the airport to a hotel or downtown areas.
transportation	a system for taking people or goods from one place to another, for example using buses or trains
traveler's check	a check for a fixed amount, sold by a bank or travel agent, and easily exchanged for cash in foreign countries.
tropical	of, like or found in the tropics
underneath	beneath something; below something
unique	unlike anything else; being the only one of its type
value	the worth of something in terms of money or other goods for which it can be exchanged.
vendor	a person who sells food or other small items from a stall in the open air
veritable	real
weaving	making cloth, etc. from threads
well-informed	having or showing relevant knowledge
wickerwork	thin flexible sticks of wood woven together.



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