

Vocabulary

(Mercan English)

astronomical events: aurora australis, aurora borealis, eclipse, equinox, escape velocity, galactic recession, precession of the equinoxes, solar wind, solstice, tide

times of day: morning, noon, afternoon, evening, night, midnight, sunrise, sunset, dawn, twilight, yesterday, last night, tomorrow, the next day, tonight, tomorrow night, the day after tomorrow

units of currency: penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar

units of time: second, minute, hour, day, week, fortnight, month, season, year, decade, generation, century, millennium, epoch, era, age, eon

units of distance: inch, foot, yard, mile, centimeter, meter, kilometer, light-year

units of weight: dram, ounce, pound, ton, gram, kilogram

units of liquid capacity: fluid dram, fluid ounce, gill, pint, quart, gallon, liter

units of dry capacity: pint, quart, peck, bushel

units of temperature: degrees Fahrenheit, degrees Celsius, kelvins

units of computer memory: bit, byte, kilobyte, megabyte, gigabyte, terabyte, petabyte

electrical units: ampere, coulomb, farad, henry, hertz, joule, ohm, volt, watt, weber

special numbers: zero, negative one, j

ordinals (adjective form of the numbers): first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, ...

adverbial form of the numbers: once, twice, three times, four times, five times, ...

first nine chemical elements: hydrogen, helium, lithium, beryllium, boron, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, fluorine

directions: north, south, east, west, up, down, azimuth, forth, around, sideways, in circles, back, upward, downward, back-and-forth, sky-ward, forward, backward, upside-down, ground-ward, bearing, horizontal, vertical, orientation, angle, perimeter

bodies of water: ocean, sea, gulf, bay, bayou, lake, lagoon, inlet, pond, pool, puddle, river, stream, creek, sound, channel, strait

colors: white, black, green, yellow, blue, red, purple, violet, brown, tan, scarlet, khaki, beige, pink, orange, silver, gold, gray, piebald

punctuation marks: period, comma, colon, exclamation point, question mark, semicolon, ampersand, at-symbol, pound sign, pipe symbol, asterisk, dash, slash, parentheses, hyphen, brackets, apostrophe, braces, quotation marks, backslash

word processing terms: character, digit, delimiter, text file, em dash, en dash, paragraph, centered, justified, left-aligned, right-aligned, boldface, italic, underlined, character string, substring, search string, upper case, lower case, control codes, copy-and-paste, footnote, endnote

linguistic terms: vowel, consonant, noun, pronoun, adjective, verb, adverb, article, definite article, indefinite article, conjunction, preposition, interjection, part of speech, language, metalanguage, foreign language, bilingual, voicing, aspiration, synonym, antonym, homonyms, homophones, homographs, ellipsis

natural disasters: fire, flood, tidal wave, earthquake, cyclone, hail, meteor strike, drought

x versus y: hard copy versus digital; adversity versus prosperity

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