

# The United States – Glossary

**approximately** adverb

used for showing that an amount or number is not exact:

*Approximately 60,000 people filled the stadium.*

**area** noun [count]

a part of a place or building:

*My family has lived in this area of England for years.*

**astronaut** noun [count]

someone who travels in space

**average** adjective

calculated by adding several numbers together and dividing the total by the number of things that you added together:

*winds with an average speed of 15 miles per hour*

**baseball** noun [uncount]

a game played by two teams of nine players who score points by hitting a ball with a bat and then running around four bases

**cover** verb

to be all over a surface or object:

*His clothes were covered in mud.*

**dessert** noun [count or uncount]

sweet food that you eat after the main part of a meal

**flag** noun [count]

a piece of cloth with colours or a pattern on it, used as a signal or for representing a country or organization

**independent** adjective

not controlled by another country or organization:

*an independent nation*

**life expectancy** noun [count or uncount]

the length of time that someone is likely to live

**mammal** noun [count]

an animal that is born from its mother's body, not from an egg, and drinks its mother's milk as a baby

**moon** noun

the Moon or the moon the object similar to a planet that goes round the Earth and that you can see shining in the sky at night:

*The moon was shining brightly.*

**pie** noun [count or uncount]

a food that consists of meat, vegetables, or fruit cooked inside a case of pastry

*a piece/share/slice of the pie*

**pop** adjective

relating to popular music:

*a pop singer/record/song*

**population** noun [singular]

the number of people who live in a particular area:

*Los Angeles has a population of over 3 million.*

**set foot** phrase

to go to a place:

*It was the first time I had set foot on French soil.*

**species** noun [count]

a plant or animal group whose members all have similar general features and are able to produce young plants or animals together:

*Over 120 species of birds have been recorded in this National Park.*

**spell** verb

to write or say the letters of a word in the correct order:

*Can you spell 'beautiful'?*

**symbol** noun [count]

someone or something that represents a particular idea or quality:

*Many Catholics saw him as a symbol of hope.*