

The Lord of the Rings – Glossary

absolute adjective

used for emphasizing that something is the most or least possible in a particular situation:

pound 9,000 is the absolute maximum we can spend.

appeal verb

if something appeals to you, you like it or want it:

The show's mixture of comedy and songs will appeal to children.

astonishing adjective

very surprising:

It's astonishing that so many people watch that programme.

capture verb

to get control of something, for example in a war or in business:

Rebel forces have captured the village.

companion noun [count]

someone who is with you or who you spend a lot of time with

corrupt verb

to encourage someone to do dishonest, illegal, or immoral things

creature noun [count]

an imaginary living thing that is strange or frightening:

The Gorgon was a mythical creature.

destructive adjective

causing severe damage or harm

elaborate adjective

very detailed and complicated:

elaborate geometrical patterns

era noun [count]

a historical period of time that has a particular quality or character:

The president promised to bring about a new era of peace.

evil adjective

very bad or cruel:

a dangerous and evil dictator

fiction noun [uncount]

books and stories about imaginary events and people:

Hardy wrote poetry as well as fiction.

imaginary adjective

not real, but only created in your mind:

A lonely child sometimes creates an imaginary friend to play with.

imaginative adjective

involving new, different, or exciting ideas:

the imaginative use of computers in the classroom

immense adjective

extremely large:

an immense amount of money

inherit verb

to have something because it was left by someone who was in your situation before you:

These are problems we inherited from the previous government.

mythology noun [count or uncount]

ancient myths:

Roman mythology

pointed adjective

with a point at the end

possess verb

to own or have something:

Kate is a woman who possesses a rare intelligence.

publish verb

to produce many copies of a book, magazine, or newspaper for people to buy:

Their company publishes a wide selection of books.

series noun [count]

a set of things that are made with the same design, or made in the same way:

a popular new series of children's books

sinister adjective

threatening to do something harmful or evil:

a sinister remark

tale noun [count]

a story about imaginary events or people

theme noun [count]

the main subject of something such as a book, speech, discussion, or art exhibition:

Love and honour are the main themes of the book.

wizard noun [count]

a man in stories who has magic powers