

Glossary

A-C

Accident	Something that happens unexpectedly
Adapted	Changed to become more suitable
Air raid	A bombing attack by aircraft
Alcohol	Drinks like beer and wine that are for adults only
Ambulance	The vehicle used to take sick or injured people to hospital
Antiseptic	Something that keeps things free of germs
Arsenic	A deadly poison
Bacteria	A micro-organism that can cause disease or illness
Banister	The handrail that you should hold when you go up or down stairs
Barbecue	A type of outdoor cooker
Blade	The sharp, flat part of a tool, used for cutting
Boiling	When a liquid is so hot that it bubbles and steams
Bread knife	A knife with a jagged blade for cutting bread
Break	Split into pieces, smash or stop working
Broken glass	Glass broken into sharp pieces
Burnt	Damaged, hurt or destroyed by heat or fire
Cables	Cords that carry electricity (which can trip you if not stored carefully)
Candle	Sticks of wax with a wick, which you burn to give light and heat
Careless	Acting in an unsafe way
Carving knife	A large, sharp knife for slicing meat
Cause	To make something happen

Glossary

C-D

Chemicals	Solids, liquids or gases that can be poisonous to breathe in, touch or swallow
China	Dishes and ornaments made of very fine clay that can break easily
Chisel	A tool with a handle and a wedge-like blade
Chimney	The place on a house that lets out smoke from a fireplace inside
Choke	Have difficulty breathing (e.g. when there is smoke in your lungs)
Cleaning fluids	The liquids we use to keep a house clean – they can poison or burn you
Climb	Move or go up something
Coastguard	A service that deals with emergencies at sea
Collapse	Fall down
Consequence	Result of something happening
Crockery	Dishes, bowls, cups and plates
Cut	Split with something sharp
Cutlery	Knives, spoons and forks for eating
Cutters	A tool with sharp blades for cutting
Damaged	Broken or not working
Dangerous	Not safe
Dangers	Things that could harm us
Demonstrate	Show someone how to do something
Device	A thing used for a particular purpose
Disabled	Not able to do as much with their bodies as others

Glossary

D-F

Disease	Illness or sickness caused by germs
Disinfectant	Used to kill germs when we clean
Edible	Something that can be eaten safely
Electric shock	When electricity passes through your body
Electric socket	The area on the wall that we plug our electrical things into
Emergency	A sudden situation that involves danger or injury
Emergency Services	Public services like the Police, Ambulance or Fire and Rescue Service, that deal with situations like fires, car crashes and injuries
Equipment	Things we use for a particular purpose
Era	A specific period of time
Fall	When someone or something drops to the ground
Fan heater	An electric heater that blows out hot air
Fat fryers	A special electric cooker that heats fat for cooking
Fire alarm	A device that makes a loud noise if there is a fire
Fire and Rescue Service	People trained to put out fires and rescue people from emergency situations like car crashes
Fire blankets	Sheets designed to put out small fires
Fire escape plan	A plan showing the best way to get out of a building if there is a fire
Fire extinguisher	A device used to put out small fires, using chemicals
Fire guard	A screen placed over an open fire to stop sparks
First aid	Medical care given in an emergency
Flammable	Can easily be set on fire

Glossary

F-L

Food poisoning	A type of poisoning caused by eating food that's poisonous (e.g. some berries and mushrooms), unclean, not fresh or not cooked properly
Garden strimmers	An electrical machine used for trimming grass
Gas mask	A special face mask to protect from gas attack (e.g. during wars)
Germs	Living cells that can make us ill
Grate	A metal frame that holds burning coal or wood
Hair straighteners	Very hot and dangerous tool used to make hair straight
Heat	To make warm or hot
Height	How tall or high something is
Holly	A plant with poisonous red berries
Homeless	Not having a home to live in
Household appliances	Electrical machines in our homes that make it easier for us to do chores
Implement	A tool or instrument
Infection	When germs cause harm to the body
Inflammable	Cannot be set on fire
Injury	When your body is hurt
Jagged	Sharp, rough and pointed
Ladder	Steps used to climb up
Lead	A type of metal that can be dangerous
Longhouse	A type of house built by the Vikings

Glossary

M-R

Machine	An invention that helps us do a type of job
Mansion	A very large, expensive house
Medicines	Tablets or special liquids used to make people feel better (Never take them without an adult!)
Microwave oven	A special cooker that heats food in a quick way
Mould	Substance that grows on food when it is old or spoilt
Needle	Thin, sharp piece of metal used for sewing
Open fire	A fire that is not closed in
Ornaments	Objects used for decoration
Oven gloves	Special padded gloves to stop you getting burnt when taking something out of an oven
Overloaded sockets	Too many plugs in one electrical socket
Pen knife	A small knife that fits in the pocket
Pins	Thin pieces of metal with sharp points
Plumbing	The water and gas systems in your house
Poisonous	Something that can hurt you or make you ill, if you touch it, swallow it or breathe it in
Police	People trained to keep you safe and deal with crime
Power tools	Tools that work with electricity
Procedure	The way to do something
'Range' cooker	A big stove or oven heated with coal or wood
Raw	Not cooked



Glossary

R-T

Reach	Stretch up to get something
Refreezing	To put thawed out food back in the freezer
Risk	Something that might be dangerous
Safe	Away from danger
Scald	A type of burn caused by hot steam or water
Scissors	A tool with two blades, used for cutting
Scrapers	A tool to scratch off things or make them smoother
Secure	Safe
Sewerage	The system for taking waste water away
Shards	Sharp pieces
Sharp	Describes something that can prick or cut and hurt us
Shattered	Broken into lots of pieces
Shrapnel	Pieces of broken or twisted metal from a bomb blast
Slip	Slide accidentally
Smoke alarm/ detector	A device that makes a loud noise if there is smoke
Stepladder	A ladder or stool with folding steps for standing on to reach high things
Stop, drop and roll	A safety rule showing what you must do if your clothes catch fire
Sturdy	Built strongly and stable so it won't fall
Temperature	A measure of heat

Glossary

T-Z

Thatched	Woven together (usually with twigs or straw) – as in a Viking longhouse roof
Thorns	The sharp prickles on a plant
Threadbare	When carpet is worn thin and can be slippery
Tidy	Neat with everything put away
Toiletries	The liquids and creams we use for washing ourselves
Topple	Fall over
Toxins	Poisons produced by a living thing
Trip	When you catch your foot on something and it makes you fall over
Unattended	Not looked after or watched
Unconscious	Not being aware of something, as if in deep sleep
Uneven	Not level
Unhealthy	Not good for us and can make us sick
'Use by' date	The recommended date by which you should eat or use something
Vegetable knife	A small sharp knife
Victorian	Something or someone from the time Queen Victoria was on the throne
Vikings	Scandinavian people who invaded other countries
Wash	To clean
Weed killers	Poisonous liquids for killing weeds
Wobbly	Not steady or safe
World War II	When many countries in the world were fighting, from 1939 to 1945
Wound	A cut or graze on our skin