

# The Simpsons – Glossary

**animated** adjective

an animated film or cartoon consists of a series of drawings that are shown quickly one after another so that they look as if they are moving

**Buddhist** adjective

a person who follows the set of religious beliefs based on the teaching of Siddhartha Gautama.

**catchphrase** noun [count]

a short phrase that many people know because a famous person often says it

**character** noun [count]

a person in a book, play, film etc  
*The film's central character is played by George Clooney.*

**controversy** noun [count/uncount]

a disagreement, especially about a public policy or a moral issue that a lot of people have strong feelings about  
*The election ended in controversy, with allegations of widespread vote-rigging.*

**devoted** adjective

loving someone very much  
*They were devoted to each other throughout their marriage.*

**dysfunctional** adjective

dysfunctional relationships do not work normally and are not happy or successful  
*a dysfunctional family*

**episode** noun [count]

a part of a television or radio story that is broadcast separately and forms one of a series

**inconsiderate** adjective

not thinking about other people and their feelings

**joke** noun [count]

something you say or do that is intended to make people laugh  
*Greg sprayed her with water as a joke.*

**likeable** adjective

pleasant, friendly, and easy to like  
*a likeable character*

**lovable** adjective

attractive and easy to like  
*How could anyone abandon such a lovable little kitten?*

**maintain** verb

to make sure that something stays at the same level, rate, or standard  
*Regular inspections ensure that high safety standards are maintained.*

**mischievous** adjective

a mischievous person, especially a child, enjoys having fun by causing trouble  
*There were always mischievous boys around.*

**nuclear** adjective

relating to energy produced by changing the structure of the central part of an atom  
*nuclear power/energy*

**poke fun at** phrase

to make jokes about someone or something in an unkind way  
*The other children poked fun at her because she was always so serious.*

**release** verb

to make a film, video, or CD available for people to see or buy  
*They have just released their second album.*

**series** noun [count]

a set of television or radio programmes that are all about a particular subject, person, or group of people

**sitcom** noun [count]

a television or radio series about a particular group of characters who deal with situations in a humorous way

**suck** verb

to put something in your mouth and move your tongue against it  
*She sucked on a sweet and stared at us.*

**universal** adjective

involving or affecting everyone in the world  
*the universal language of music*

**untrained** adjective

an animal that is untrained does not obey people

**vegetarian** noun [count]

someone who chooses not to eat meat or fish

**visual** adjective

relating to things that you can see  
*Television news brings us visual images from around the world.the visual arts*