

# Alfred Nobel and his legacy – Glossary

**annual** adjective  
happening once a year  
**annually** adverb

**argument** [count or uncount]  
a set of reasons that you use for persuading people to support your opinion: *You could make an argument for working shorter hours.*

**arbitration** noun [uncount]  
the official process of trying to settle a disagreement

**arrange** verb [transitive]  
to make plans for something to happen, and to manage the details of it: *I'm trying to arrange a meeting with the sales director.*

**associate** verb [transitive]  
if one thing is associated with another, they are connected: *The problem is often associated with heavy drinking.*

**award** verb [transitive]  
to give someone a prize: *Students who complete the course successfully will be awarded a diploma.*

**chemist** noun [count]  
a scientist who studies chemistry

**committee** noun [count]  
a group of people who represent a larger group or organization and are chosen to do a particular job: *a management committee*

**contribution** noun [count]  
something that you give or do that helps someone to achieve something or helps to make something successful: *We are asking all parents for a contribution towards the cost of the trip.*

**develop** verb [transitive]  
to create a new product or method: *We've recently developed new communications software.*

**dispute** noun [count or uncount]  
a serious disagreement, especially one that involves groups of people and lasts for a long time: *The two companies are still in dispute.*

**dynamite** noun [uncount]  
a substance that is used for causing explosions

**effort** noun [count or uncount]  
an attempt to do something that is difficult or involves hard work:  
*Detectives are talking to other witnesses in an effort to find out more about the girl.*

**ensure** verb [transitive]  
to make certain that something happens or is done:  
**ensure (that):** *Our new system ensures that everyone gets paid on time.*

**gunpowder** noun [uncount]  
a substance that is used for causing explosions or for making fireworks

**hardly** adverb  
used when you think it is obvious that something is not true, not possible, not surprising etc:  
*This is hardly the time to start discussing finances.*

**individual** noun [count]  
a person:  
*We believe in the freedom of the individual.*

**institution** noun [count]  
a large organization such as a bank, hospital, university, or prison:  
*a financial/educational/charitable institution*

**invent** verb [transitive]  
to design or create something that did not exist before: *Alfred Nobel invented dynamite.*

**joint** adjective  
involving two or more people, or done by two or more people together:  
*The two presidents issued a joint statement.*  
**jointly** adverb: *a jointly owned property*

**mediate** verb [intransitive or transitive]  
to try to end a disagreement between two people or groups  
**mediation** noun [uncount]

**nuclear** adjective  
relating to energy that is produced by changing the structure of the central part of an atom nuclear

**organization** [count]  
an officially organized group of people who work together or have the same aims, for example a company or a political party: *the human rights organization Amnesty International*

**peace** noun [uncount]

a situation in which there is no war between countries or groups: *For many years the agreement maintained peace in Europe.*

**peaceful** adjective

not involving war or violence: *talks aimed at finding a peaceful solution to the crisis*

**prevent** verb [transitive]

to stop something from happening: *Rubber seals are fitted to prevent gas from escaping.*

**priest** noun [count]

someone whose job is to perform religious duties and ceremonies in some Christian churches:  
*a Roman Catholic priest*

**purpose** noun [count]

an aim or use: *The purpose of this dictionary is to help students of English.*

**responsible** adjective

if you are responsible for something that has happened, you caused it, or you deserve to be blamed for it: *He was responsible for the accident.*

**share** verb [intransitive or transitive]

to use or to have something at the same time as someone else: *Do you mind sharing a table?*

**smokeless** adjective

producing little or no smoke

**solution** noun [count]

a way to solve a problem or deal with a bad situation:  
*Putting children in prison is not the solution.*

**sustainable** adjective

using methods that do not harm the environment

**synonymous** adjective

if one person or thing is synonymous with another, people think of one of them whenever they think of the other one

**take place** phrase

to happen:  
*The Olympics take place every four years.*

**typewriter** noun [count]

a machine with a keyboard that you use for typing words directly onto a sheet of paper