

# Glossary

## **aeronautical**

having to do with the science of air travel. An aeronautical map, for example, is one that is useful for pilots who need information that an ordinary map wouldn't provide.

## **aviation**

having to do with aircraft. Aviation history, for example, is the history of people's progress in finding ways to fly.

## **bureaucracy**

organisation where decisions are made by a central administration. Bureaucracies often involve many detailed and long procedures which can be frustrating for people who want to get things done quickly.

## **conservationist**

a person who wants to preserve the elements of an environment he or she considers valuable

## **fixed-wing aircraft**

aeronautical term used to distinguish aeroplanes from other aircraft such as helicopters, rockets and balloons

## **frequencies**

radio frequencies are the different wavelengths that make up radio signals

## **helium**

colourless gas which is very light. Helium is often used in hot-air balloons because it is lighter than air.

## **Leaving Certificate**

certificate to say that a student has completed study equivalent to the level of year 11

## **living will**

a will enacted while a person is still alive

## **philanthropist**

a person who helps others and expects nothing in return

## **pioneer**

a person who explores new regions or who begins a new enterprise

## **premature**

something that happens before it is expected

## **receiver**

the part of a device which receives sound or signals. A radio receiver picks up radio signals and translates them into sound waves.

## **subscription**

payment for a number of issues of a magazine in advance

## **transmitter**

equipment used to send radio or television signals

## **turnover**

the amount of money a business takes in sales

## **workaholic**

a person who finds it difficult to stop working