

What is Technical Terminology?

Worksheet

Technical terminology is specialized vocabulary used in specific professional fields to enable precise communication. Each discipline has unique terms that convey complex concepts in shorthand.

Questions

1. What is the primary purpose of technical terminology?
A) To make language more complicated
B) To enable precise communication in specific fields
C) To exclude non-experts
D) To replace everyday vocabulary
2. Which of the following is technical terminology in medicine?
A) fever
B) running a high temperature
C) inflammation of the body
D) diagnosis
3. Does technical terminology exist only in science?
A) Yes
B) No, it exists in many fields including law, business, and art
C) Only in technology
D) Only in mathematics
4. What does 'algorithm' mean in computer science (technical) vs everyday language?
A) Same meaning in both
B) Different: technical=step-by-step procedure, everyday=not commonly used
C) Different in every context
D) It's only used technically
5. A doctor says 'The patient has hypertension.' What does hypertension mean in medical terminology?
6. An engineer mentions 'calibration.' What is this technical term?
7. A lawyer refers to 'discovery' in a case. Is this everyday English or technical terminology?
8. Define: What is technical terminology?
9. Define: Why do professionals use technical terminology?
10. Define: Example: 'photosynthesis' in biology

Answer Key

1. B) To enable precise communication in specific fields — Technical terminology exists to communicate complex ideas precisely and efficiently within a field.
2. D) diagnosis — 'Diagnosis' is medical terminology for identifying a disease or condition through examination.
3. B) No, it exists in many fields including law, business, and art — Every profession—medicine, law, engineering, arts, business—has its own specialized vocabulary.
4. B) Different: technical=step-by-step procedure, everyday=not commonly used — In tech, algorithm = step-by-step procedure; in everyday speech it's rarely used or understood.
5. Hypertension is medical terminology for high blood pressure. It combines 'hyper-' (excessive) and 'tension' (pressure). This term allows doctors to communicate precisely with colleagues.
6. Calibration is the process of adjusting an instrument to ensure accuracy. It is technical terminology in engineering and scientific fields. Without this term, the concept would take several sentences to explain.
7. Discovery is technical terminology in law. In legal context, it means the process of revealing evidence before trial. In everyday English, 'discovery' means finding something new.
8. Specialized vocabulary used in specific professional fields and disciplines.
9. It allows precise and efficient communication of complex ideas within their field.
10. Technical term for the process by which plants convert light energy into chemical energy.

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