

Phrases for Describing & Explaining – Form & Usage

Part of Speech & Structure

- It's (an adjective / a gerund / a noun / a verb).
- It's (an idiom / a phrasal verb / a proverb / a common expression).

Definition

- It means to [*some verb*].
- It means to be [*some adjective*].

Synonyms & Antonyms

- It's another word for [*some word*].
- It means roughly the same thing as [*some word*].
- It's a synonym for [*some word*], but it has a (negative / positive) meaning.
- It's the opposite of [*some word*].

Register

- It's considered (formal / standard / colloquial / slang).
- It's (legal / medical / scientific) jargon.

Context & Usage

- It's often used in (science / business / education).
- It's often used by (scientists / businesspeople / teachers).
- It's often found in (newspaper articles / literature / pop songs).