

# GLOSSARY

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# *WHAT IS GLOSSARY?*

- ***Glossary is an alphabetical list of terms with the definitions for those terms.***
- It usually appears at the end of a book and includes terms which are newly introduced.
- Using a glossary enables you to provide a definition that readers can easily locate if they need to.

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The **glossary** is a mini-dictionary in the back of a book that contains definitions of course-specific terminology. The glossary appears after the appendix. Definitions in a glossary are limited to the word meanings used in the textbook. (Use a standard college dictionary to locate multiple meanings of terminology.) Bold, italic, or colored print within textbook chapters often indicates words that appear in the glossary. If your textbook does not have a glossary, you can create your own glossary for each chapter. Use the following strategies with textbooks that have a glossary.

- Each time you see words in special print in a chapter, review the glossary definitions. Sometimes the glossary definitions provide more details or more directly clarify the terminology.
- As you encounter terminology as you read your chapters, place a star next to or highlight those terms in the glossary. Use the glossary as a review tool to prepare for tests.
- Make separate definition cards or vocabulary sheets with the definitions of key terms to review to prepare for tests.

# EXAMPLES

## GLOSSARY

- **Astrophysics** – The branch of astronomy that deals with the physics of stellar phenomena
- **Atmosphere** – The layers of gases which surround a star, like our sun or a planet like our earth