



## ec-o-nom-ics

Pronunciation: "ek-&- 'näm-iks, "E-k&-

Function: *noun singular or plural*

**1** : a social science concerned with description and analysis of the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services

**2** : financial considerations  
the *economics* of buying a house

## ge-og-ra-phy

Pronunciation: jE- 'äg-r&-fE

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural -phies*

**1** : a science that deals with the location of living and nonliving things on earth and the way they affect one another

**2** : the natural parts of an area  
the *geography* of the western U.S.

## his-to-ry

Pronunciation: 'his-t(&-)rE

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural -ries*

**1 a** : a written record of important events and their causes **b** : a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events **c** : events that form the topics of a history

## political science

Function: *noun*

: the study of government and politics

## international relations

Function: *noun*

**1.** (*used with a sing. verb*) The branch of political science that is concerned with the foreign affairs of and relations among countries. **2.** (*used with a pl. verb*) Foreign affairs; relations among countries

## law

Pronunciation: 'lo

Function: *noun*

**1 a** : a rule of conduct or action laid down and enforced by the supreme governing authority (as the legislature) of a community or established by custom **b** : the whole collection of such rules <the *law* of the land> **c** : the control brought about by enforcing rules <forces of *law* and order> **d** : trial in a court to decide what is just and right according to the laws <go to *law*> **e** : an agent or agency for enforcing laws

## psy-chol-o-gy

Pronunciation: sl-'käl-&-jE

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural -gies*

Etymology: from scientific Latin *psychologia* "the study of the mind and behavior," derived from Greek *psychE* "soul, mind" and Greek *-logia* "science, study"

**1** : the science or study of mind and behavior

**2** : the particular ways in which an individual or group thinks or behaves