

Definitions :

1: the basic systems and services that are necessary for a country or an organization to run smoothly, for example buildings, transport and water and power supplies

infrastructure

Used in a sentence:

1: The aging infrastructure of the city's roads, tunnels, and bridges are in urgent need of repair.

2: The prime minister of the small country insisted that his country does not have the infrastructure to absorb a large amount of refugees.

3: The government's new budget has set aside funds for infrastructure improvements in rural communities.

Etymology and historical meaning of the term **infrastructure**.

The Latin roots of infrastructure mean simply "underneath or below the structure." This word was in fact never used by Romans; it was coined in French from Latin parts in the late 1800s, initially used (unsurprisingly) to refer to the substructure or foundation of a building, road, or railroad bed.

Collocations:

improvement of, investment in, distribution, highway

Questions:

- How does this link with the theme of the week: **sustainability**
- Can you think of any synonyms for the word **infrastructure**?
- Could you use words of the same family (verbs, nouns) in sentences?

Changes to the infrastructure in Britain:



How is the infrastructure in this country going to change?

Can you remember all of the major infrastructure changes mentioned in the video?

Why is it necessary to make these changes?

What are the benefits of these changes?

What are some of the concerns?