terms

terms [terms] *BrE* [tɜːmz] *NAmE* [tɜːrmz]   noun plural

1. the conditions that people offer, demand or accept when they make an agreement, an arrangement or a contract
- peace terms
- **Under the terms of the agreement** , their funding of the project will continue until 2015.
- They failed to agree on the terms of a settlement.
- These are the **terms and conditions** of your employment.

2. conditions that you agree to when you buy, sell, or pay for sth; a price or cost
- to buy sth **on easy terms** (= paying for it over a long period)
- My terms are £20 a lesson.

3. a way of expressing yourself or of saying sth
- We wish to protest in the **strongest possible terms** (= to say we are very angry) .
- I'll try to explain in simple terms.
- The letter was brief, and **couched in** very polite **terms** .
- She spoke of you in **glowing terms** (= expressing her admiration of you) .

more at a contradiction in terms **at** ↑contradiction, on equal terms **at** ↑equal, be on speaking terms **at** ↑speak, in no uncertain terms **at** ↑uncertain

Idioms: ↑come to terms ▪ ↑come to terms with something ▪ ↑in terms of something ▪ ↑in … terms ▪ on good/friendly/bad terms ▪ ↑on somebody's terms ▪ ↑on your own terms

Synonyms :
language
vocabulary • terms • wording • terminology
These are all terms for the words and expressions people use when they speak or write, or for a particular style of speaking or writing.
language • a particular style of speaking or writing: ▪ Give your instructions in everyday language. ◇▪ the language of the legal profession
vocabulary • all the words that a person knows or uses, or all the words in a particular language; the words that people use when they are talking about a particular subject: ▪ to have a wide/limited vocabulary ◇▪ The word has become part of advertising vocabulary.
terms • a way of expressing yourself or of saying sth: ▪ I'll try to explain in simple terms.
wording • [usually sing.] the words that are used in a piece of writing or speech, especially when they have been carefully chosen: ▪ It was the standard form of wording for a consent letter.
terminology • (rather formal) the set of technical words or expressions used in a particular subject; words used with particular meanings: ▪ medical terminology ◇▪ Scientists are constantly developing new terminologies.
Literary/poetic terminology is used for talking about literature or poetry. Literary/poetic language is used for writing in a literary or poetic style .
formal/informal/everyday language/vocabulary/terms
business/scientific/technical/specialized language/vocabulary/terminology
A word **enters** the language/the vocabulary.

Example Bank:
- I'll try to explain in simple terms.
- She spoke of you in glowing terms.
- Under the terms of the agreement, their funding of the project will continue until 2009.
- We are negotiating terms for the development of the site.
- We wish to protest in the strongest possible terms.
- You should check your terms and conditions of employment.
- to buy sth on easy terms

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