

# How to use this dictionary

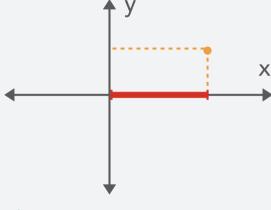
## Parts of an entry

- *Headword*—The term being defined is in bold type at the beginning of the entry.
- *Taxonomy*—This is used to classify definitions by subject area and is set in brackets.
- *Definition*—The meaning of the headword is explained in the definition. For terms that have more than one definition, the definitions are numbered and placed in order. GIS-relevant definitions typically appear first; definitions from related fields follow.
- *Cross-references*—Listed after the last definition in an entry with “See also,” these terms are related in some way to the headword. They might be synonyms, antonyms, broader terms, or narrower terms.
- *Illustration*—Illustrations appear after the definition they refer to and are labeled with the headword.

headword → **abscissa** [COORDINATE SYSTEMS] ← taxonomy

definition → In a rectangular coordinate system, the distance of the x-coordinate along a horizontal axis from the vertical or y-axis. For example, a point with the coordinates (7,3) has an abscissa of 7. *See also* ordinate.

cross-reference →

illustration → 

abscissa