

Rope Terms:

Line - another term for rope.

Running End - the free or working end of the rope.

Standing Part - the balance of the rope, excluding the running end.

Knot - the intertwining of the end of a rope within a portion of the rope. A good knot must be easy to tie and untie and must hold without slipping.

Bend - the intertwining of the ends of two ropes to make one continuous rope.

Hitch - the attachment of a rope to a post, pole, ring, hook or other object.

Bight - a U-shaped curve in a rope.

Loop - a fold or doubling of the rope through which another rope can be passed to form a knot or hitch.

Overhand Loop - made when the running end is passed over the standing part of the rope.

Underhand Loop - made when the running end is passed under the standing part of the rope.

Turn - the same as a loop, but usually used to describe the placing of a rope around a specific object such as a post, rail or ring, with the running end continuing in the opposite direction from the standing part.

Round Turn - the same as a turn, with the running end returning in the same direction as the standing part.

Splice - the joining of the ends of two ropes, or, the end of the rope with the body of the rope by weaving the strands over and under the strands of the other part.

Whipping or Seizing - a means of fixing the end of a rope so that the strands will not unravel.

Rope Lingo:

Rigger: Person who ties/rigs

Rope Top: Person who ties/rigs

Bunny: Person who gets tied

Rope Bottom: Person who gets tied

Rig: the tie it self

Partial Suspension: Any time the weight of a limb is held up with a rope to a 'hard point'

Hard point: Usually means a suspension point, rated for suspended weight.

Rescue Knife: knife to cut ropes quickly