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## Digital Marketing Glossary

Understanding digital marketing doesn't have to feel like decoding a secret language. This glossary was designed for business owners and executives who want clarity without the clutter. Whether you're reviewing an agency proposal or planning your own campaigns, the plain-English definitions below will help you speak with confidence and make informed decisions.

### Strategy Terms

Term	What It Means
<b>SEO (Search Engine Optimization)</b>	The practice of improving your website's structure and content so it appears higher in search results for relevant keywords.
<b>SEM (Search Engine Marketing)</b>	Running paid ads on search engines (often pay-per-click) to show up in prominent

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	positions when people search for specific terms.
<b>Content Marketing</b>	Creating helpful articles, videos or guides that answer your audience's questions and build trust over time, rather than directly selling.
<b>Social Media Marketing</b>	Using platforms like Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn to share stories, engage followers and increase brand awareness.

These foundational strategies help people discover your business online and set the stage for deeper engagement.

## Performance Metrics

Term	What It Means
<b>ROI (Return on Investment)</b>	A measure of how much revenue your marketing efforts generate compared with what they cost, expressed as a ratio or percentage.
<b>KPI (Key Performance Indicator)</b>	A specific metric chosen to gauge success, such as website traffic, lead volume or sales.
<b>Conversion Rate</b>	The percentage of visitors who take a desired action (like filling out a form or making a purchase) out of the total number of visitors.
<b>CTR (Click-Through Rate)</b>	The ratio of clicks to impressions for an ad or link; it shows how compelling your message is to viewers.
<b>CPA (Cost Per Acquisition)</b>	The total amount spent on a campaign divided by the number of customers acquired; used to judge the efficiency of paid efforts.
<b>CPC (Cost Per Click)</b>	The price you pay each time someone clicks your ad; closely related to pay-per-click advertising.

These metrics act like your marketing dashboard. They tell you what's working, where to adjust and how efficiently you're spending your budget.

## Tactical Terms

Term	What It Means
<b>A/B Testing</b>	Comparing two versions of a webpage, email or advertisement to see which one performs better with your audience.

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<b>CTA (Call to Action)</b>	A prompt that tells people what to do next, such as “Book a demo” or “Sign up now.”
<b>Landing Page</b>	A focused web page designed around a single offer or action, often used for advertising campaigns.
<b>CRM (Customer Relationship Management)</b>	Software that helps you manage contacts, track interactions and nurture relationships throughout the customer lifecycle.
<b>Retargeting</b>	Showing ads to people who have already visited your site or interacted with your brand to encourage them to return and convert.

These tools and techniques help marketers fine-tune campaigns and guide prospects along the buyer’s journey.

## Why This Matters

Having a basic grasp of digital marketing terms can transform your conversations with agencies and marketing teams. You’ll know what questions to ask when someone suggests a pay-per-click campaign, and you’ll understand why a low CTR matters or why testing two versions of a headline makes sense. Think of this glossary as a cheat sheet that stays at your side whenever you’re evaluating proposals or brainstorming new growth strategies.

The more familiar these words become, the easier it is to make smart choices and adapt to the ever-evolving world of online marketing. Keep this guide handy, revisit it when you need a refresher, and share it with your team so everyone can be on the same page.