

# Growing up unhappy? – Glossary

**blame** verb

to say or think that someone or something is responsible for an accident, problem, or bad situation

*If it all goes wrong, don't blame me.*

**breakdown** noun [count/uncount]

a situation in which something has failed or is beginning to fail

*She moved to London after the breakdown of her marriage.*

**bully** verb

to frighten or hurt someone who is smaller or weaker than you

*In one study 75 per cent of students reported having been bullied at school.*

**developed** adjective

a developed country, region, or economy has a lot of industries and business activity

*We spend less on health care than most other developed nations.*

**evidence** noun [uncount]

facts or physical signs that help to prove something

*Evidence shows that global warming is definitely occurring.*

**factor** noun [count]

one of the things that influence whether an event happens or the way that it happens

*Safety is the single most important factor in a car's design.*

**GDP** noun [count]

gross domestic product: the total value of the goods and services that a country produces in a year, not including income received from money invested in other countries

**household** noun [count]

the people who live in a house or flat when they are considered as a single unit

*What percentage of the city's households live in poverty?*

**income** noun [count/uncount]

money that someone gets from working or from investing money

**indicator** noun [count]

something that shows you what condition something is in

**individualistic** adjective

believing that what individual people want is more important than what society or the government wants

**inequality** noun [count/uncount]

a situation in which people are not equal because some groups have more opportunities, power, money etc than others

**material** adjective

relating to things such as money and possessions that affect your physical life rather than your thoughts or emotions

*State officials enjoy more material rewards than other sectors.*

**objective** noun [count]

something that you plan to achieve, especially in business or work

*I'm not sure I understand the objective of this exercise.*

**peer** noun [count]

someone who is of the same age as another person

*a child who is popular with her peers*

**per head** phrase

for each person

*The meal cost £20 per head.*

**proportion** noun [count]

quantity of something that is a part or share of the whole

*Only a small proportion of graduates fail to find employment.*

**survey** noun [count]

a set of questions that you ask a large number of people or organizations

*This survey shows the percentage of single-parent households in each area.*

**togetherness** noun [uncount]

a feeling of friendship and happiness in a close relationship

**troubled** adjective

worried about the problems that you have

**well-being** noun [uncount]

the satisfactory state that someone or something should be in, that involves such things as being happy, healthy, and safe, and having enough money