

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