

## Just a bit of fun? – Glossary

**addiction** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a strong need or wish to spend as much time as possible doing a particular activity  
*His addiction to the Internet is taking over his life.*

**afford** verb [transitive]  
if you can afford something, you have enough money to be able to pay for it. This word usually follows 'can', 'could' or 'be able to'

**bet** verb  
to risk an amount of money by saying what you think will happen, especially in a race or game. You lose the money if you are wrong and win more if you are right

**blame** verb [transitive]  
to say or think that someone or something is responsible for an accident, problem or bad situation

**bookmaker** noun [countable]  
someone whose job is to take bets from people on the result of a race or competition, and to pay them if they win

**casino** noun [countable]  
a place where people gamble (risk money in the hope of winning more) by playing card games roulette or slot machines

**chances are** phrase  
used for saying that something is likely to happen but is not certain

**desert** verb [transitive]  
to leave someone in a situation where they have no help or support

**draw** noun [countable]  
a game in which a ticket with a name or number on is taken out of a container in order to choose who will win a prize

**fault** noun [countable/uncountable]  
the fact of being responsible for a bad or unpleasant situation.

**fruit machine** noun [countable]  
a machine that you put coins into and win money from when three pictures of the same object appear

**gambling** noun [uncountable]  
an activity in which you risk money in the hope of winning more money if you are lucky or if you guess something correctly

**get into debt** phrase  
a situation in which you owe money to other people  
*She was terrified of getting into debt.*

**horse racing** noun [uncountable]  
a sport in which riders called jockeys race against each other on horses, sometimes jumping over tall wide objects called fences

**illegal** adjective  
not allowed by the law

**loads of** phrase  
loads of something a lot of something, often something unpleasant  
*He's making loads of money.*

**lottery** noun [countable]  
a game designed to raise money by selling lottery tickets that people buy hoping that their numbers are chosen by chance in the draw so that they win a money prize

**minimum legal age** noun [countable/uncountable]  
the time of life when you are allowed by law to do something

**online** adjective  
connected to or available through a computer or a computer network (a group of connected computers) especially the Internet

**poker** noun [uncountable]  
a card game in which players try to win money

**project** noun [countable]  
a planned piece of work that has a particular aim, especially one that is organized by a government, company, or other organization

**raise** verb [intransitive]  
to collect money for a particular purpose

**sensible** adjective  
reasonable and practical