

## Unnecessary cruelty? – Glossary

**animal rights** noun [uncountable]

a belief that animals should be treated well by people and not killed or used for scientific experiments

**cruelty** noun [countable/uncountable]

behaviour that deliberately causes pain to other people or animals, or that makes them unhappy or upset

*cruelty to children/animals*

**curable** adjective

possible to cure

**demonstration** noun [countable]

an occasion when a large group of people protest about something

*Angry students held demonstrations in the university square.*

**doubt** noun [countable/uncountable]

a feeling of not being certain about something

**effect** noun [countable/uncountable]

a change that is produced in one person or thing by another

*Scientists are studying the chemical's effect on the environment.*

**experiment** noun [countable]

a scientific test to find out what happens to someone or something in particular conditions  
*a series of experiments on animals*

**experimentation** noun [uncountable]

the process of testing various ideas, methods, or activities to see what effect they have

**expert** noun [countable]

someone who has a particular skill or who knows a lot about a particular subject

**fatal** adjective

causing someone to die

**follow** verb [transitive]

to obey an order, or to do what someone has advised you to do

**hold on** phrasal verb [intransitive]

used for telling someone to listen or think  
*Hold on, that won't work.*

**I see your point** phrase

used for saying that you understand what someone is trying to say, especially when you disagree with it

*I see your point, but I don't think there's anything we can do at the moment.*

**justified** adjective

if you are justified in doing something, you have a good reason for doing it and it is right that you should do it

**laboratory** noun [countable]

a building or large room where people do scientific and medical experiments or research

*our new research laboratory*

**minimise** verb [transitive]

to reduce something harmful or unpleasant to the smallest amount or degree

**protest** verb [intransitive]

to disagree strongly with something, often by making a formal statement or taking action in public

**regulation** noun [countable]

an official rule that controls the way that things are done

**stress** noun [uncountable]

a worried or nervous feeling that stops you relaxing, caused, for example, by pressure at work or financial or personal problems

*stress-related illnesses*

**suffering** noun [countable/uncountable]

mental or physical pain or problems

**testing** noun [uncountable]

the activity of giving someone or something an examination, or of checking something to find out if it works

*drug/nuclear/DNA testing*

**torture** verb [transitive]

to hurt a person or animal deliberately in a very cruel way, especially as a punishment or in order to make them say something

**worth** adjective

used for saying how good, useful, or reliable someone or something is