

What makes a good school? – Glossary

allow verb

to give someone or something the time or opportunity to do something

balance noun [countable/uncountable]

a situation in which different aspects or features are treated equally or exist in the correct relationship to each other

It can be hard to find the right balance between advising your children and controlling them.

balanced adjective

with all parts combining well together or existing in the correct amounts

a balanced diet

bullying noun [uncountable]

behavior that frightens or hurts someone smaller or weaker than you

Students are encouraged to tell someone about any incidents of bullying.

career noun [countable]

a job or series of related jobs that you do, especially a profession that you spend a lot of your working life in

Choosing a career can be a very difficult decision.

coed adjective

including students of both sexes

compulsory adjective

something that is compulsory must be done or used because of a rule or law

crack down on phrasal verb

to start dealing with someone or something much more strictly than before

The school is cracking down on smoking.

creative adjective

someone who is creative has a lot of imagination and new ideas

discipline noun [uncountable]

the practice of making people obey rules of behavior and punishing them if they do not

He believes in strict discipline.

encourage verb

to give someone confidence or hope

exclude verb

to deliberately prevent someone or something from being part of something or from entering a place

facilities noun [plural]

places, services, or pieces of equipment that are provided for people

The hotel has excellent leisure facilities.

general adjective

not specific, exact, or detailed

Could you just give us a general description of the work you do?

major in something [phrasal verb]

to study something as your main subject at a college or university

She's majoring in physics.

memorize verb

to learn something so that you remember it perfectly

mess around phrasal verb

to behave in a silly way, or to waste time doing things that are not important

preparation noun [uncountable]

the process of making someone or something ready for something

Despite a lot of preparation, we didn't win the contest.

pressure noun [countable/uncountable]

a worried feeling that you get when you have to deal with a difficult or complicated situation

specialized adjective

designed for a particular purpose, or concentrating on a particular subject

strict adjective

someone who is strict has definite rules that they expect people to obey completely

Dad's very strict with us about table manners.

stuff noun [uncountable]

a variety of objects or things

What's all this stuff on my desk?

subject noun [countable]

something that you learn or teach in a school, for example English, mathematics, or biology

troublemaker noun [countable]

someone who deliberately causes a lot of problems, often by being violent or by making others argue or not obey people in authority