

The key to happiness? – Glossary

billionaire noun [countable]

someone who has more than a billion pounds or dollars

cliché noun [countable]

a phrase or idea that is boring because people use it a lot and it is no longer original

comfort noun [uncountable]

a pleasant way of life in which you have everything you need

Now he can live in comfort for the rest of his life.

count your blessings phrase

to realize that there are good things about your situation, as well as bad ones. This phrase is often used for telling someone that they should not complain.

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.

dissatisfaction noun [uncountable]

the annoyed feeling that you get when something is not as good as you expected it to be

Teachers expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed contract.

envious adjective

unhappy because you want very much to do something that someone else does or to have something that they have

He was envious of the local boys who could see her every day.

exotic adjective

used for describing things that are interesting or exciting because they are in or from distant foreign countries

They're always flying off to film in exotic locations.

gadget noun [countable]

a small tool or piece of equipment that does something useful or impressive

kitchen gadgets

key noun [usually singular]

the thing that will do most to help you to achieve something

Good planning is the key to success.

loving adjective

feeling or showing love

A child needs two loving parents.

material adjective [only before noun]

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.

matter verb [intransitive]

to be important

People need to realize that education matters.

quality of life noun [uncountable]

the enjoyment of life at a basic level, which includes being happy and healthy, rather than having lots of money

reasonable adjective

fairly good, although not extremely good

I think we have a reasonable working relationship.

seize an opportunity/chance/moment phrase

to act quickly in order to use an opportunity that may not be available later

He decided to seize the moment and ask her to marry him.

slum noun [countable]

a poor area of a town where the houses are in very bad condition

standard of living noun [singular]

the type of life that a person or society has according to the amount of money that they have

Japan has a very high standard of living.

take [something] for granted phrase

to expect something always to happen or exist in a particular way, and to not think about any possible problems or difficulties

Losing my job taught me never to take anything for granted.

yacht noun [countable]

a large expensive boat that is used for racing or sailing

you name it phrase

INFORMAL used after a list for saying that most other things of the same type are also possible or available

Everglades Camp offers horseback riding, tennis, water sports, you name it.

