

Unnecessary cruelty? – Glossary

animal rights noun [uncount]

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

cruelty noun [count/uncount]

behavior that deliberately causes pain to other people or animals, or makes them unhappy or upset
cruelty to children/animals

curable adjective

possible to cure

demonstration noun [count]

an occasion when a large group of people protest about something

Angry students held demonstrations in the university square.

doubt noun [count]

a feeling of not being certain about something

effect noun [count/uncount]

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

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

experiment noun [count]

a scientific test to find out what happens to someone or something in particular conditions

a series of experiments on animals

experimentation noun [uncount]

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

expert noun [count]

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 do what someone has advised you to do

hold on phrasal verb [intransitive, always in imperative]

used for telling someone to listen or think

Hold on, that won't work.

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 [count]

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

our new research laboratory

minimize verb [transitive]

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

point noun [singular]

the thing that you are trying to say

My point is that we're spending too much time on details and forgetting the big issues.

protest verb [intransitive/transitive]

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

regulation noun [count]

an official rule that controls the way things are done

stress noun [uncount]

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

overworked managers suffering from stress and anxiety

suffering noun [count/uncount]

mental or physical pain or problems

testing noun [uncount]

the activity of giving someone or something an examination, or 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