

Sustainable progress? – Glossary

accelerate verb [intransitive/transitive]
to happen or make something happen at a faster rate

according to preposition
used for saying where information or ideas have come from

assess verb [transitive]
to carefully consider a situation, person, or problem in order to make a judgment
We tried to assess his suitability for the job.

bottom of the pile, the phrase
the last in status, income, or advantages
Welfare cuts have reduced the income of those at the bottom of the pile.

climate change noun [uncountable]
the changes that are thought to be affecting the world's weather so that it is becoming warmer

easier said than done phrase
INFORMAL used for saying that something is a good idea but will be difficult to achieve
Some people want the UN to withdraw, but that's easier said than done.

economic adjective [usually before noun]
relating to money
Such projects offer social and economic benefits to our local communities.

emission noun [countable]
a substance, especially a gas, that goes into the air
New regulations are aimed at reducing vehicle emissions.

greenhouse gas noun [countable]
a gas such as carbon dioxide that stops heat from escaping from the atmosphere and causes the greenhouse effect, adding to *global warming* (an increase in the Earth's temperature)

income noun [countable/uncountable]
money that someone gets from working or from investing money
Most of the villagers rely on farming for income.

inequality noun [countable/uncountable]
a situation in which people are not equal because some groups have more opportunities, power, money etc than others

life expectancy noun [countable/uncountable]
the length of time that someone is likely to live

livelihood noun [countable/uncountable]
something such as your work that provides the money that you need to live
a development that threatens the livelihood of local small farmers

needless to say phrase
used for saying that something is already known or understood
Needless to say, I was very upset about the whole thing.

pose verb [transitive]
to create a difficult or dangerous situation

poverty noun [uncountable]
a situation in which someone does not have enough money to pay for their basic needs
Half the world's population is living in poverty.

publish verb [transitive]
to make information available for everyone to read
The results of the crime survey were published in June.

seek verb [transitive]
FORMAL to ask for something or try to get something

sub-Saharan adjective
in the part of Africa that is south of the Sahara Desert

sustainable adjective
capable of continuing for a long time at the same level

tend verb [intransitive]
to usually do a particular thing
We tend to take technology for granted nowadays.

threaten verb [transitive]
to be likely to harm or destroy something