

## International Women's Day – Glossary

**elect** verb [transitive]

to choose someone by voting so that they represent you or hold an official position  
*Every nation should have a right to elect its own government.*

**employment** noun [uncountable]

work that you are paid regularly to do for a person or company  
*After graduation, she found employment with a local finance company.*

**equality** noun [uncountable]

the state of being equal, especially in having the same rights, status, and opportunities  
*The Party is committed to sexual and racial equality.*

**expectation** noun [countable/uncountable]

the belief that something will happen  
*The team set off without any expectation of success.*

**Finnish** adjective

relating to Finland or its language or culture  
*a Finnish folk tale*

**highlight** verb [transitive]

to describe something in a way that makes people notice it and think about it  
*The case highlights the need for adequate controls on such experiments.*

**inequality** noun [countable/uncountable]

a situation in which people are not equal because some groups have more opportunities, power, money etc than others  
*There are great inequalities in health care across the country.*

**office** noun [countable/uncountable]

a position in a large and powerful organization, especially a government  
*Obama was elected to the office of President in 2008.*

**parliament** noun [countable]

an official elected group of people in some countries who meet to make the laws of the country and discuss national issues  
*the Russian parliament*

**proportion** noun [uncountable]

the relationship between two or more quantities or parts of a whole  
*The proportion of trucks to cars on the roads has changed dramatically.*

**public office** noun [uncountable]

a job in the government that you have because you were chosen or elected  
*People of their religion are barred from holding public office.*

**similarity** noun [countable]

something that makes one thing seem like another  
*There are numerous similarities in the behaviour of men and women in this respect.*

**tone** noun [singular/uncountable]

the general character of a place or event  
*The positive tone of the evening had changed completely.*

**vote** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to formally express an opinion by choosing between two or more issues, people etc  
*The Council will vote on the proposal next Friday.*