

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 behavior 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.