

Unemployment – Glossary

cheerful adjective

making you feel happy because of being pleasant or enjoyable

The fire was a cheerful sight on such a cold, dreary day.

hard hit/hit hard phrase

to be very badly affected by something

Small firms in particular were hard hit by the recession.

incentive noun [countable/uncountable]

something that makes you want to do something or to work harder, because you know that you will benefit by doing this

They want to stimulate growth in the region by offering incentives to foreign investors.

long-standing adjective

having existed for a long time

a long-standing tradition

Middle East, the proper noun

the region of the world that consists of the countries east of the Mediterranean Sea and west of India. It includes Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

North Africa proper noun

the region of Africa that includes Morocco, Algeria, Libya and Tunisia

predict verb [transitive]

to say what you think will happen in the future

They're predicting heavy rain for tomorrow.

recession noun [countable/uncountable]

a period when trade and industry are not successful and there is a lot of unemployment

the recession in the building industry

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.

time being, for the phrase

for a short time, until a situation changes

You'll have to stay here for the time being.

unemployed adjective

without a job

Have you been unemployed for a year or more?

unemployment noun [countable]

a situation in which some people do not have work and do not have an income

Unemployment rose last month to its highest level for over five years.

vast adjective

extremely large

Our dog eats a vast amount of food each day.

welfare state noun [countable]

a country that looks after its citizens by providing social and financial support

whereby adverb

FORMAL used for saying that something is done according to the method, arrangement, rule etc that has been referred to

There is a standard method whereby officers are selected for promotion.

worldwide adjective, adverb

happening or existing all over the world

Our company employs 1,500 staff worldwide.