

Famous quotations – Glossary

broccoli noun [uncountable]

a vegetable consisting of green stems with many small green or purple buds on the ends, eaten cooked or raw

chicken noun [countable]

a bird kept for its eggs and meat. The sound it makes is called *clucking*. The female chicken is called a *hen* and the male is called a *rooster*. A baby chicken is called a *chick*.

enjoy yourself phrase

to get pleasure from an event or experience
I haven't enjoyed myself so much for a long time.

exact opposite phrase

used for emphasizing that two people or things are completely different
She's very friendly, the exact opposite of her sister.

fool noun [countable]

someone who does not behave in an intelligent or sensible way
You're a fool if you think you'll ever see that money again.

ox noun [uncountable]

(plural *oxen*) a large type of cow that is used on farms for pulling or carrying things

perish verb [intransitive]

MAINLY LITERARY to die, usually because of an illness or something that happens suddenly
All our horses perished in the fire.

poetry noun [uncountable]

poems

plow verb [intransitive/transitive]

to turn over the soil before planting seeds using a plow
The fields were being plowed for winter wheat.

regret noun [countable/uncountable]

a feeling of sadness about something that you wish you had not said or done
I have no regrets about leaving school at an early age.

respectable adjective

obeying the moral or social standards that are accepted by most people
He makes his living in a perfectly respectable trade.

ridicule verb [transitive]

to try to make someone or something seem silly by making fun of them in an unkind way
Oliver felt he was being ridiculed by the students.

self-evident adjective

obvious, and therefore not needing any explanation

till conjunction

less formal than *until*, used less often in writing but more often in speech
Just sit here till I come back.

'tis short form

LITERARY *it is*

violently adverb

in a way that involves violence
Three people were violently murdered yesterday.