

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 *cock* or 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 emphasising 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
the poetry of Walt Whitman

plough verb [intransitive/transitive]
to turn over the soil before putting seeds into it using a plough
The fields were being ploughed 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.