

Gandhi – Glossary

authority noun [plural]

the police or other organizations with legal power to make people obey laws:

The French authorities have refused to issue him a visa.

barrister noun [count]

a lawyer in England or Wales who is allowed to speak in the higher law courts

boycott verb

to protest about something by not taking part in an event or not buying certain products:

Turkey threatened to boycott the conference.

cause noun [count]

an aim, idea, or organization that you support or work for:

Campaigners hope that people will be sympathetic to their cause.

chain verb

to use a chain to fasten something so that it cannot be stolen, or to fasten a prisoner with a chain so that they cannot escape

compromise verb

to solve a disagreement by accepting that you cannot have everything that you want:

Can we compromise on the schedule if not on pay?

conquer verb

to gain control of a situation or emotion by making a great effort

cooperation noun [uncount]

a situation in which people help each other or work together to achieve something

devote verb

to spend a lot of your time or effort doing something:

Few people are able to devote themselves fully to their career.

discrimination noun [uncount]

unfair treatment of someone because of their religion, race, or other personal features:

sex/racial/age discrimination

encourage verb

to give someone confidence or hope:

His optimism encouraged me.

goal noun [count]

something that you hope to achieve:

His goal is to win a medal at the Olympics.

imprison verb

to put someone in a prison, or to keep them in a place that they cannot escape from

independent adjective

not controlled by another country or organization:

an independent nation

military adjective

relating to armed forces, or using armed forces:

The government is prepared to take military action.

opponent noun [count]

someone who disagrees with something and tries to change or stop it:

opponents of the legislation

oppress verb

to treat people who are less powerful in an unfair and cruel way

pressure noun [count or uncount]

attempts to persuade or force someone to do something:

He did not put any pressure on her to take the job.

protest verb

to show publicly that you oppose something:

Prisoners began protesting at their conditions.

release verb

to let someone leave a place where they have been kept:

He was released from prison in July.

resistance noun [singular or uncount]

a refusal to accept something:

political resistance

simplicity noun [uncount]

the quality of being simple

strike noun [count or uncount]

a period of time during which people refuse to work, as a protest:

Workers have been on strike since Friday.

struggle verb

to try very hard to defeat someone or stop them
having power over you:

We have to struggle to win our freedom.

subcontinent noun [count]

a large area of land that forms part of a continent,
especially the part of Asia that contains the
countries of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh

suffer verb

to experience something very unpleasant or
painful:

*Our team suffered another humiliating defeat last
night.*

tactic noun [count]

a method or plan for achieving something

tax noun [count or uncount]

an amount of money that you have to pay to the
government. It is used for providing public
services and for paying for government
institutions:

*The government has promised to lower taxes after
the election.*

vegetarian noun [count]

someone who chooses not to eat meat or fish

willingness noun [uncount]

if you are willing to do something, you do it when
someone asks you