

Words from the wise – glossary

broccoli noun [uncount]

a vegetable consisting of green stems with many small green or purple parts on the ends

drug noun [count]

an illegal substance that affects someone physically or mentally when they put it into their body:

She had never taken drugs in her life.

dumb adjective

1 stupid

2 unable to speak

enemy noun [count]

someone who is opposed to someone else and tries to harm them:

It's easy to make enemies in a job like this.

explain [intransitive or transitive]

to give a reason for something that happens:

Science cannot explain everything.

fool noun [count]

someone who does not behave in an intelligent or sensible way

fur noun [count or uncount]

an animal skin that is covered with soft hair, used for making clothes:

a fur coat

known adjective

discovered or known about by people:

a disease with no known cure

mankind noun [uncount]

all humans considered as a single group. Some people avoid using this word because it seems not to include women, and they use humankind instead.

perish verb [intransitive]

to die

powerful adjective

with a strong effect:

powerful drugs

respectable adjective

keeping to the accepted moral standards of your society, and not doing anything shocking or illegal

'tis short form

it is

youth noun [uncount]

the time in your life when you are young:

In his youth, he travelled around the world.