

Farms, not factories, big polluters in China. The Guardian Weekly, 19 February 2010, by Jonathan Watts

**survey** [n] = a general description or report about a particular subject or situation; a set of questions that you ask a large number of people in order to find out about their opinions or behaviour

**foul** [vt] = to make something very dirty, especially with waste

**effluent** [n] = liquid waste, especially chemicals or sewage

**realignment** [n] = when something is changed and organized in a different way [= reorganization]

**coop** [n] = a building for small animals, especially chickens

**contamination** [n] < **contaminate** [vt] = to make a place or substance dirty or harmful by putting something such as chemicals or poison in it; to influence something in a way that has a bad effect

**groundbreaking** [adj] = making new discoveries; using new methods

**fraction** [n] = a very small amount of something

**disprove** [vt] = to show that something is wrong or not true

**phosphorus** [n] = P

**fallout** [n] = the results of a particular event, especially when they are unexpected; the bad results of a situation or an action

**grave** [adj] = grave problems, situations, or worries are very great or bad

**return on something...** e.g. return on asset; return on equity capital; return on investment; return on sales, etc

**sleight** [n] = the use of skilful tricks and lies in order to deceive someone [+ of hand]

**per capita** [adj, adv] = used to describe the average amount of something in a particular place, calculated according to the number of people who live there

**under-report** [vt] = to report fewer than the actual number or less than the true amount of

**extract** [n < vt: extract] = a short piece of writing, music etc taken from a particular book, piece of music etc; a substance obtained from something by using a special process

**sulphur** [n] = S

**soot** [n] = black power that is produced when something is burnt

**faeces** [BE, n = feces] = solid waste material from the bowels (bowels = the system of tubes inside your body where food is made into solid waste material and through which it passes out of your body; intestines)

**urine** [n] = the yellow liquid waste that comes out of the body from the bladder (bladder = the organ in your body that holds urine (=waste liquid) until it is passed out of your body)