

Recession hampers education advances. The Guardian Weekly, 5 February 2010, by Ashley Seager

recession [n] = a difficult time for the economy of a country, when there is less trade and industrial activity than usual and more people are unemployed

undo [vt] = to remove the good or bad effects of something that you have done

dwindling [adj] < **dwindle** [vi] = to gradually become less and less or smaller and smaller

primary education = the first stage of compulsory education, preceded by pre-school or nursery education and followed by secondary education

be knocked off course = derailed; be forced or obliged to spoil or interrupt a plan, agreement etc

legacy [n] = something that happens or exists as a result of things that happened at an earlier time; money or property that you receive from someone after they die

marginalise [vt: BE] = to make a person or a group of people unimportant and powerless in an unfair way

pledge [vt] = to make a formal, usually public, promise that you will do something

enrolment [n: BE] = the process of arranging to join a school, university, course etc; the number of people who have arranged to join a school, university, course etc

mobilise [vt: BE] = to start to use the things or people you have available in order to achieve something

ailing [adj] = an ailing company, organisation, or economy is having a lot of problems and is not successful

equate [vt] = to consider that two things are similar or connected (+ to something)

hard-hitting [adj] = criticising someone or something in a strong and effective way

accuse [vt] = to say that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad (+ somebody of doing something)

smoke and mirrors = something that is described as such is intended to take attention away from an embarrassing or unpleasant situation so that somebody would prefer remain unnoticed

exaggerate [vt/vi] = to make something seem better, larger, worse etc than it really is

tantamount [adj] = being almost the same or having the same effect as, usually something bad (+ to something)

levy [n] = an amount of money, such as a tax, that you have to pay to a government or organisation

revenue [n] = money that a business or organisation receives over a period of time, especially from selling goods or services; money that the government receives from tax

pastoralist [n] = someone who keeps animals such as cattle, sheep, etc., moving them from place to place to find water and food

recite [vt/vi] = to say a poem, piece of literature etc. that you have learned, for people to listen to

in unison = together; at the same time

nomadic [adj] < **nomad** [n] = a member of a group of people who move from one place to another rather than living in one place all of the time

roam [vt/vi] = to walk or travel, usually for a long time, with no clear purpose or direction (= wander)

decent [adj] = of a good enough standard or quality

grazing [n] = land where farm animals feed on grass

dysentery [n] = a serious disease of your bowels that makes them bleed and pass much more waste than usual = 赤痢

typhoid [n] = a serious infectious disease that is caused by dirty food or drink = 腸チフス

cholera [n] = a serious disease that causes sickness and sometimes death, caused by eating infected food or drinking infected water = コレラ