

What does Shuanghui's takeover of Smithfield mean for food safety? (10 July 2013)

takeover [n]

when one company takes control of another by buying more than half its shares

exponential [adj] (> exponentially [adv])

exponential growth, increase etc becomes faster as the amount of the thing that is growing increases

using a small number or letter slightly above and to the right of a number or letter that shows how many times a quantity is to be multiplied by itself

striking [adj]

unusual or interesting enough to be easily noticed

attractive in an unusual way that is easy to notice

high-ticket [adj]

referring to a high volume of sales or consumption

ballyhoo [n, vt]

when there is a lot of excitement or anger about something -- used to show disapproval

acquisition [n]

the act of getting land, power, money etc

the Senate [n]

the smaller and more important of the two parts of the government with the power to make laws, in countries such as the US, Australia, and France

pose [vt] (+ a threat/danger/risk/etc)

to exist in a way that may cause a problem, danger, difficulty etc

write something off [ph.v] ※要確認一多義熟語

to decide that someone or something is useless, unimportant, or a failure (= dismiss)

rubber-stamp [vt]

to give official approval to something without really thinking about it -- used to show disapproval

formality [n]

something you must do even though it has no practical importance or effects

something that you must do as a formal or official part of an activity or process

proliferate [vi]

if something proliferates, it increases quickly and spreads to many different places

spotty [adj]

someone who is spotty has small raised red marks on their skin, especially on their face

record [n]

the facts about how successful, good, bad etc someone or something has been in the past

lean [adj]

lean meat does not have much fat on it

thin in a healthy and attractive way

embroil [vt]

to involve someone or something in a difficult situation

inspector [n]

an official whose job is to check that something is satisfactory and that rules are being obeyed

phase something out [ph.v]

to gradually stop using or providing something

egregious [adj]

an egregious mistake, failure, problem etc is extremely bad and noticeable

adulterate [vt] (> adulteration [n])

to make food or drink less pure by adding another substance of lower quality to it

acumen [n]

the ability to think quickly and make good judgments

fairly [adv]

more than a little, but much less than very

used to emphasize the degree, force etc of an action

turn over [ph.v] ※要確認－多義熟語

to sell goods and replace them

phenomenal [adj] (+ growth/rise/increase/etc.)

very great or impressive

entail [vt]

to involve something as a necessary part or result

strive to do something [vi] (> striving [n])

to make a great effort to achieve something

case in point [idiom]

a specific example of what one is talking about

jack up [ph.v]

to increase prices, sales etc by a large amount

(to excite or stimulate someone, possibly with drugs)

slaughter [n]

when people kill animals, especially for their meat

turnover [n]

the amount of business done during a particular period

makes sense [idiom]

to be understandable; to be reasonable

align [vi, vt]

to arrange things so that they form a line or are parallel to each other, or to be in a position that forms a line etc

gambit [n]

something that you do or say which is intended to give you an advantage in an argument

first and foremost [idiom]

first to be dealt with and most important ; more than anything else

stringent [adj]

a stringent law, rule, standard etc is very strict and must be obeyed

behemoth [n]

something that is very large