

## **Terms, definitions** (as expressed by students)

### *Environment*

A synonym for nature;  
Ecosystem of the planet,  
composed of landscapes,  
directed by the laws of nature;  
Nature where we live;  
Things we contact in our daily life,  
tangible or intangible,  
The entity surrounding us:  
e.g. nature, industry, cities, fauna and flora;  
the combination of nature and human-built surroundings;  
the natural cycle we are part of and not part of;  
our surroundings,  
our sense of belonging to this planet;  
the opportunity of states to improve in the future;

### *Crisis*

A difficult situation;  
Something going badly wrong;  
Unstable situation in the world  
impacting living organisms;  
Bad conditions risking future generations;  
A very problematic situation when every person has a  
different solution,  
thus causing more distress;  
Breakdown, when things turn out to be the exact opposite of  
what we want them to be;  
urgent problem to be solved immediately;

a dramatic situation that is hard to handle;  
if things go downhill;

### *Development*

Increase in activity or knowledge;  
Discovery or analysis of a concept, growth;  
Long-term process, effort for the betterment of things;  
Improvement, going forward, progress;  
Growth, increase of wealth;  
when things change for the “better”;  
evolution,  
further ameliorating a certain thing, adding aspects;

### *Prosperity*

Establishing a peaceful place for future generations,  
conservation and protection;  
Wellbeing of people in a country, good living conditions;  
Material wealth and also knowledge; all people need it;  
Welfare, being able to maintain a decent standard in life;  
Comes with economic development leaving the environment  
intact;  
the wealth of people, especially in the West;  
abundance, a positive word

### *Sustainable*

Something maintained for a long time because of strong  
renewal capacity;  
Maintaining a certain situation; developing without harming  
others;

Covering our needs not harming the planet;  
Avoiding egoism;  
something that does not require a lot of materials and thus it is easy to sustain;  
the main goal and purpose for states and economies;  
if things are good for the environment, e.g. reuse of resources;  
a different way of thinking, living, consuming,  
improving socially, economically, environmentally.

### *Human rights*

Basic rules to protect human integrity and promote life in communities;  
Always-forgotten pillars of society;  
Rights you have because you are human,  
in an equal way with others, without discrimination; in all circumstances;  
Group of rules and goods everybody should have access to;  
They exist in form of laws;  
rights everybody has, rights inclusive to the human species;

### *Happiness*

Subjective, comfortable feeling in mind and body;  
Differs from person to person; can be achieved in different ways;  
A state of mind or way of life that makes one optimistic about life;  
An emotional state of personal fulfilment;  
Loving yourself and accepting others' faults;

a purpose of life, comes attached to comfort.  
The main source of our emotions;  
when things are going well;

### *Risk*

Something having potentially dangerous consequences;  
A potentially dangerous situation; leaving our zone of  
comfort;  
It approaches through taking steps of decisions,  
the consequences of which are uncertain;  
Possibility of making a mistake, of loss;  
a decision with an uncertain outcome;  
If one does not take the safer alternative, option;  
is necessary to take risks for certain results.

### *The purpose of the economy*

Money;  
To keep the country in competition with others,  
and maintain good life for people; social wealth;  
To improve living conditions; progress and growth;  
To provide sustainable economical growth;  
To provide maximum benefits;  
the wellbeing of everyone;  
to achieve sustainability;  
to find a compromise between everybody's interests..

### *Peace*

Something important but rare;  
The concept to live in a better way;

Trying to find a common ground for solidarity and care,  
no wars; no racism, hunger for power, no egoism;  
A safe world waging no wars and safeguarding the  
environment for the future  
The opposite of war, a friendly environment to live in;