

Glossary

Environmental degradation is the deterioration of the **environment** through depletion of resources such as air, water and soil; the destruction of ecosystems and the extinction of wildlife. It is defined as any change or disturbance to the **environment** perceived to be deleterious or undesirable

Economy

The state of a country or region in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services and the supply of money.

Slum

A squalid and overcrowded urban street or district inhabited by very poor people.

Bourgeoisie

The middle class, typically with reference to its perceived materialistic values or conventional attitudes.

Skyscraper is a tall, continuously habitable building of over 40 floors, mostly designed for office, commercial and residential uses. A skyscraper can also be called a high-rise, but the term skyscraper is often used for buildings higher than 150 m.

Suburb is an outlying district of a city, especially a residential one. A district lying immediately outside a city or town, especially a smaller residential community.