

1. equal shared parental responsibility	the presumption that the parents of a child will consult each other and agree on 'major long-term issues', such as education etc.	17. mediation	the process by which a conciliator or mediator listens to both parties to a dispute and makes suggestions in an effort to bring the two parties to agreement
2. ex-nuptial child	a child born outside of marriage	18. minor	a person under the age of 18 years; also known as a 'child'
3. extended family	a family with other relatives besides parents and children living in the same household	19. monogamy	the idea that a person may only be married to one person at a time
4. family	two or more persons who are related by blood, marriage, adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household	20. nuclear family	a husband, a wife and their children
5. family violence	conduct towards a member of the family that causes them to fear for their personal wellbeing or safety		
6. guardianship	the long-term responsibility for a child		
7. injunction	a court order which prevents someone from doing something or orders them to do something		
8. in loco parentis	the idea that adults who are taking care of a child have the same rights and responsibilities as the parents		
9. intestacy	a situation in which laws operate to distribute a person's property when that person dies without leaving a will		
10. intimidation	behaviours such as nuisance phone calls, harassing or threatening someone		
11. in-vitro fertilisation (IVF)	a practice whereby ovum and sperm are united in a test tube where they form an embryo which is then implanted into a woman's uterus so that she can produce a child		
12. irretrievable breakdown	a marriage that has broken down to such an extent that there is no possibility of the parties reconciling		
13. liable parent	a parent who is obliged to pay child maintenance to the other parent		
14. lobby group	a collection of people with specific aims who join together to try to pressure the government to change the law so as to achieve those aims		
15. maintenance	a payment made by one person to help contribute to the care and welfare of another person		
16. marriage	the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life		