

## Freedom

In the Cambridge dictionary, freedom is defined as "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc. whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited."

Is this dictionary defining the word freedom correctly? In my opinion, it is missing one crucial point which every person needs to understand so that everyone can experience the true meaning of freedom. To this definition, I would add: My freedom ends where the freedom of the other starts. It should be a basic and well-known rule, but we can often see its violation through the selfishness of some people. They don't care if their actions negatively impact someone else, and they are just glad they made themselves happy.

The word freedom suggests that a person can do whatever they want. It is, after all, in its definition. But since I added certain restrictions to the definition, a person can't do completely everything he or she wants. Now it is no longer unlimited, which is also in the description of the word. Can I even use the word freedom when I have limited its function like that? I think it is not that big of an intervention, and the word freedom is still working as before. For humans, it is natural to establish rules we should follow. Just imagine a world without any rules, it would be absolute chaos.

Having freedom is completely normal, perhaps even taken for granted by my generation. But it has not always been as easy as nowadays. Freedom did not just appear by snapping fingers. Our ancestors had to fight so we can live, as we are living right now, in freedom. Only a few years ago, people in my country didn't have freedom of speech. If they said something which didn't exactly match the government's opinion, they could have been punished or even sent to prison. Injustice like that was common, and there were not many options, or rather no options for regular citizens to help their friends and family. I feel like these days people do not even realize what we have and are not thankful enough. We take many important things for granted.

I am very lucky I was born where I was. Because even now, in the year 2020, there are areas where freedom is seen as something special, not just normal. Unthinkable things for us are happening there on daily basis. Young children must work for low wages in tough conditions, just so their families won't die from hunger. They are making a huge sacrifice and are giving up their freedom for the sake of their families. On the one hand, it is noble of them, but on the other hand, they don't know any different life, and they basically do not have any other option. It seems unfair to me that my biggest worry is to decide what school I want to be attending, and they are dealing with questions no children should be thinking about. Psychology can explain why they are not focused more on their freedom. Maslow's hierarchy of needs proves that humans have to have their basic needs fulfilled, and just after that, they can think about their psychological needs such as freedom.

So I would say that freedom is a word that can be described in multiple ways. Actually, I would say that freedom is a feeling that can be described in multiple ways. For every single individual, it can mean something different, and all of them can be right in their opinion. For me, freedom is to go wherever I want whenever I want with whoever I want, and to say whatever I want without being judged or criticized for anything above, so why deny those rights to others?

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