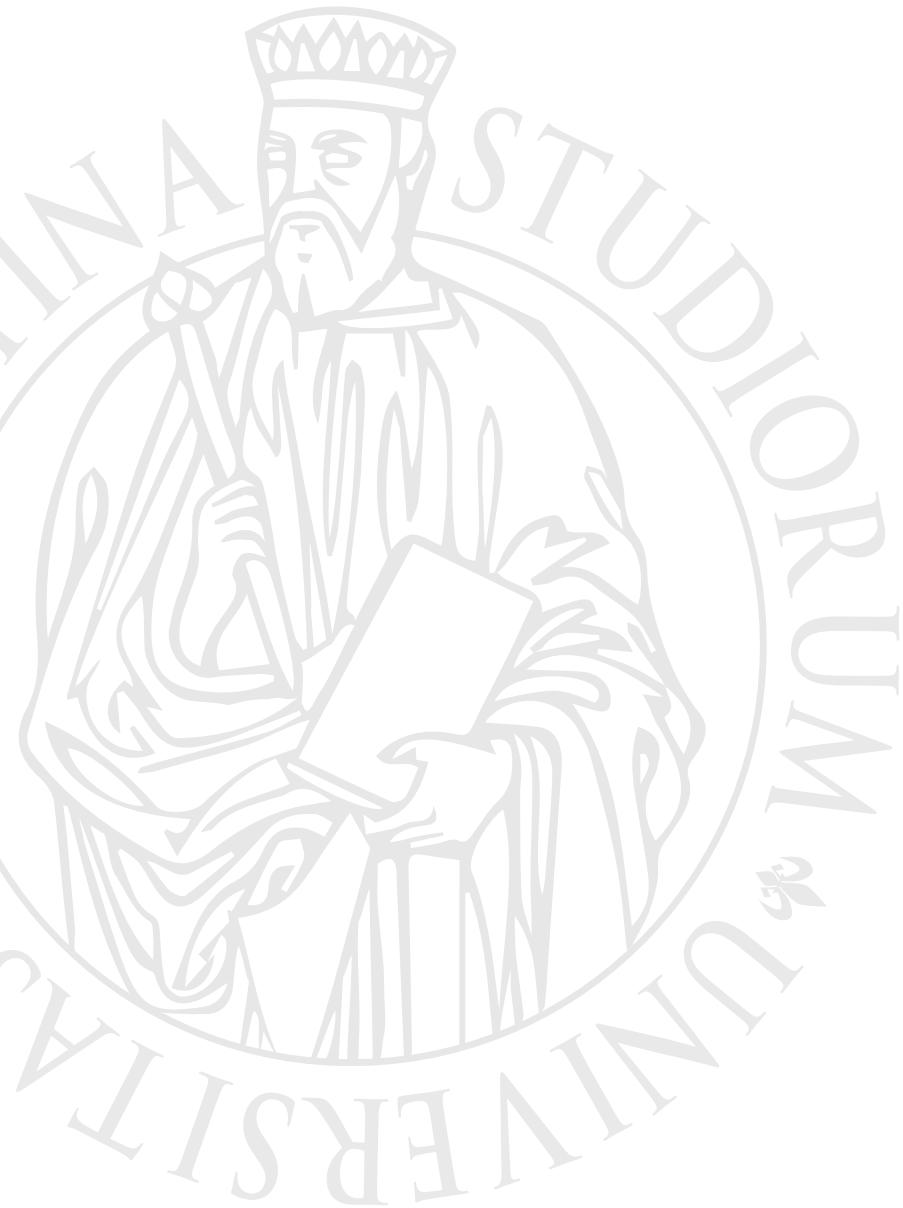




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# Riflessioni linguistiche su *sostenibilità*

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Puntare con il mouse le abbreviazioni nel testo per vederne qui il significato.

**FLESSIONE** **SILLABAZIONE:** so-ste-nì-bi-le **SINONIMI**

**sostenibile** /  soste'nibile /

[av. 1712]

**agg.**

**1** che può essere sostenuto, difeso (*spec. fig.*): *posizione sostenibile*; *opinione, teoria sostenibile* | che può essere affrontato, sopportato: *spesa sostenibile* **CONTR.** insostenibile

**2** che rispetta l'ambiente, il territorio: *turismo sostenibile* | *agricoltura sostenibile*, V. *agricoltura* | *sviluppo sostenibile*, V. *sviluppo*

Il **sostenibilmente**, **avv.**

Il **sostenibilità**, **s. f. inv.**

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**FLESSIONE** **SILLABAZIONE:** a-gri-col-tù-ra

◆ **agricoltùra** / ◀ agrikol'tura /

[vc. dotta, lat. *agricultūra(m)*, comp. di *āger* 'campo' e *cultūra* 'coltivazione' ✨ 1308]

**s. f.**

**1** coltivazione della terra, dei campi | complesso dei lavori cui viene sottoposto il terreno per ricavarne piante utili all'uomo: *agricoltura intensiva, estensiva* | *agricoltura biologica*, bioagricoltura | *agricoltura biodinamica*, V. *biodinamico* | *agricoltura sostenibile*, tecnica di coltivazione della terra che privilegia la salvaguardia e la conservazione delle risorse ambientali | *agricoltura di sussistenza*, quella che ha lo scopo principale di fornire il necessario per vivere al coltivatore e alla sua famiglia | *agricoltura permanente*, permagricoltura

**2** (*disus.*) agraria

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LENERE).

**Sostenibile**, agg. (superl. *sostenibilissimo*). Che può essere affermato, asserito, dimostrato con argomenti solidi e persuasivi; professabile (un pensiero, una posizione ideologica, ecc.).

*Magalotti*, 23-247: Discorso che fu di così gran momento appresso il Des-Cartes che, per uscir dalle strette, si gettò a quel plausibile, ma non so poi quanto sostenibile ripiego di levar ogn'anima agl'irrazionali, riducendoli a semplici macchine semoventi. *B. Croce*, II-1-351: Il pensiero da lui [Lucano] espresso è sostenibile anche in teologia cristiana, la quale distingue in Dio due volontà, l'una di segno, l'altra di beneplacito. *Moretti*, II-610: I giovani che s'intendano anche minimamente di letteratura sanno che il timido espediente del 'così così' non è mai stato un giudizio criticamente sostenibile.

**2. Sopportabile, tollerabile.**

*N. Ginzburg*, II-1531: La presenza della bambina rende la nostra situazione un poco più sostenibile e più leggera.

**3. Sobbarcabile (una spesa).**

*Codice dei podestà e sindaci del Regno d'Italia (1811)*, 1016: Qui si riferiscono i compensi che i comuni ottengono per le spese sostenibili in via di anticipazione.

– Per estens. Che può essere promosso e appoggiato in modo tale da non compromettere le riserve energetiche future (lo sviluppo economico di un Paese).

*G. Melandri* [«L'Indice dei libri del mese», maggio 1988], 4: Per sviluppo sostenibile si intende quello sviluppo – dell'economia-mondo – che è capace di autoalimentarsi e nel contempo di non intaccare le prospettive delle generazioni future.

**4. Disus.** Che può essere difeso e protetto da un assedio, da un attacco militare.

*Marco Foscarini*, LI-6-468: Vi hanno frequenti gole angustissime e sostenibili con poca gente.

= Agg. verb. da *sostenere*.

**Sostenibilità**, sf. L'essere sostenibile, sopportabilità.

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**Ecosostenibile**, agg. Che è compatibile con la tutela e la conservazione delle risorse naturali e ambientali; ecocompatibile.

*La Repubblica* [12-V-1998]: La politica europea dovrà essere orientata allo sviluppo ecosostenibile e all'occupazione.

= Comp. da *eco[logico]* e *sostenibile*.

**Ecosostenibilità**, sf. Ecocompatibilità.

*Il Sole-24 Ore* [12-III-2001]: L'indice di eco-sostenibilità delle regioni italiane.

= Deriv. da *ecosostenibile*.



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MENU

sostenibile /soste'nibile/ (soÉsteÉniÉbiÉle) agg.

1  che può essere sostenuto, convalidato: *teoria* s. | che può essere mantenuto, sopportato: *spesa, situazione difficilmente* s.

2  econ., ecol. caratterizzato dal rispetto per l'ambiente e l'ecologia: *turismo* s.  
Ñ (28)

sostenibilità /sostenibili'ta\*/ (soÉsteÉniÉbiÉliÉtà) s.f.inv.

1  l'essere sostenibile: *la* s. di un'ipotesi | sopportabilità

2  econ., ecol. conservazione e salvaguardia dell'ambiente nel rispetto delle norme ecologiche: s. *ambientale* | Ö  
sviluppo sostenibile

3  econ., sociol. il promuovere una condotta etica negli affari e nei rapporti tra le varie parti sociali che partecipano a un processo di produzione: s. *sociale*

sostenimento /sosteni'mento/ (soÉsteÉniÉmenÉto) s.m.

1 sostegno, appoggio, spec. di una struttura architettonica

2 sostentamento, nutrimento

3 sostegno morale o psicologico, conforto spirituale

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sostenitore /sosteni'tore/ (soÉsteÉniÉtoÉra) ann. s.m.

*Grande Dizionario Italiano dell'Uso di T. De Mauro, Torino, UTET, 1999-2000, con aggiornamento del 2003 e del 2007, con CD-ROM (dispositivo USB nel 2007).*



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# sustainability, n.

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**Pronunciation:** Brit. [▶](#) /səˈstɜːnəˈbɪlɪti/, U.S. [▶](#) /səˈsteɪnəˈbɪlədi/

**Frequency (in current use):** ●●●●●○

**Origin:** Formed within English, by derivation. **Etymons:** [SUSTAINABLE](#) *adj.*, [-ITY](#) *suffix*.

**Etymology:** < [SUSTAINABLE](#) *adj.* + [-ITY](#) *suffix*; see [-BILITY](#) *suffix*.

**1.** The quality of being sustainable by argument; the capacity to be upheld or defended as valid, correct, or true.

1835 J. CHITTY *Pract. of Law* III. l. ii. 84 Leading counsel states..the nature of the plaintiff's case, and sometimes the anticipated defence, and argues upon the sustainability of the former, and the futility and injustice of the latter.

1854 T. SMITH *Parish* 268 Instead, therefore, of his supporting the general assumption..Prideaux actually excludes its sustainability.

1947 *Virginia Law Rev.* **33** 3 The provision of the contract..did not apply to the determination of the sustainability of an attack by a trustee.

2005 *Sunday Herald (Glasgow)* (Nexis) 24 July 17 The question..remains about the sustainability of such a position.

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**2.**

**a.** The quality of being sustainable at a certain rate or level. [Thesaurus >](#)

1953 *Land Econ.* **29** 61/2 Particularly with the relevance to resource development, the idea of balance usually implies sustainability over the long run.

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- 1955 *Jrnl. Business* **28** 221/1 Whether the present confidence in the sustainability of economic growth will prove to be justified by the actual performance of the economy over the next decade is impossible to predict.
- 1972 T. SOWELL *Say's Law* iii. 100 An increase beyond limits of sustainability existing at any given time would lead only to reduced earnings and subsequent contraction of the quantity supplied.
- 1990 N. BAKER *Room Temperature* xi. 91 A shorthand indicator of how bleak or upbeat I felt about the sustainability of my career outside of technical writing.
- 2007 *Daily Tel.* 23 Aug. (Business section) 8/1 The decision to rebase the dividend higher..is a vote of confidence in the sustainability of the commodities supercycle.

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**b. spec.** The property of being environmentally sustainable; the degree to which a process or enterprise is able to be maintained or continued while avoiding the long-term depletion of natural resources.

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1980 *Jrnl. Royal Soc. Arts* July 495/2 Sustainability in the management of both individual wild species and ecosystems...is critical to human welfare.

1992 *Oxfordshire Bull.* Nov. 1/1 This country is now pledged to move towards sustainability; that is, to conserve resources, to curb pollution, and to achieve the better balance between demand and supply that will protect the environment not only for us, but for our descendants.

2005 *Guardian* 15 Nov. (Educ. section) 10/3 The University of Bradford...will be promoting sustainability in everything from course content to student housing.

2010 *N.Y. Mag.* 28 June 48/3 Stringent conservation measures, including a minimum size and maximum size of keepable lobsters, have made the Maine-lobster fishery a rare story of successful sustainability.

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# sustainable, *adj.*

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**Pronunciation:** Brit. /sə'steɪnəbl/, U.S. /sə'steɪnəb(ə)/

**Frequency (in current use):** ●●●●●●●●

**Origin:** Formed within English, by derivation. **Etymons:** SUSTAIN *v.*, -ABLE *suffix*.

**Etymology:** < SUSTAIN *v.* + -ABLE *suffix*. Compare earlier SUSTENABLE *adj.* ... ([Show More](#))

†1. Capable of being endured or borne; bearable. *Obsolete. rare.* Categories >

1611 R. COTGRAVE *Dict. French & Eng. Tongues* *Soustenable, sustainable, ...abideable.*

1771 E. GILCHRIST *Use Sea Voy. in Med.* (new ed.) ii. 14 What is only healthful, and a mere recreation to one, may to another be painful and hardly sustainable.

1820 *Monthly Repos.* June 368 To many congregations..tottering beneath a weight already scarce sustainable, another atom made them sink.

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## 2. Capable of being upheld or defended as valid, correct, or true.

Thesaurus »

- 1680 G. MACKENZIE *Observ. Laws & Customs of Nations* 84 If such Resignations or transmissions were sustainable, all titles might be sold.
- 1707 *Mem. Royal House Savoy* 54 This proposition is so little sustainable [etc.]
- 1775 J. SHERBEARE *Answer to Queries in Let.* 56 His doctrine [sic]..if they be sustainable in any state; and on the utmost emergencies; are such as are the most causelessly promulged in this kingdom.
- 1845 T. DE QUINCEY *Notes on Gilfillan's Gallery Lit. Portraits in Tait's Edinb. Mag.* Dec. 758/1 From the verdict of a jury..no candid and temperate man will allow himself to believe any appeal sustainable.
- 1875 *N. Amer. Rev.* **120** 463 Religion may be morally useful without being intellectually sustainable.
- 1884 *Law Rep.: Chancery Div.* **27** 69 The Defendant has taken several technical objections to the order, none of which..are sustainable.
- 1919 E. T. C. WERNER *China of Chinese* (1920) vi. 196 Whether it be or be not a sustainable argument that the people of Southern are more superstitious than those of Northern China, [etc.]
- 1961 *Times* 22 Mar. 4/5 Wage claims would no doubt come forward..when people thought they had a sustainable case.
- 2002 C. WILKS *Emotion, Truth & Meaning* iv. 100 It is only in this indirect sense that the 'pure fanatic' problem constitutes a sustainable objection to Hare's theory.

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a. Capable of being maintained or continued at a certain rate or level.

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1924 *Amer. Polit. Sci. Rev.* **18** 202 The world is not far from its maximum sustainable population.

1949 *Amer. Econ. Rev.* **39** 446 Highly promising work is being done on the theory of sustainable growth rates.

1971 *Nature* 9 July 80/2 The blue whale could have supplied indefinitely a sustainable yield of 6,000 individuals a year.

1976 *Times* 4 Aug. 3/8 The achievement of a sustainable, stationary population.

1990 *Lifestyle Summer* 78/1 (*adv.*) Achieving sustainable consumption without needing to adopt a 'hair-shirt' attitude is part of the philosophy.

2002 J. HESKETT *Toothpicks & Logos* v. 95 The highest levels in sustainable growth arising from the revolution in electronic media have been in business-to-business applications, which have dramatically expanded.

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**b.** Designating forms of human activity (esp. of an economic nature) in which environmental degradation is minimized, esp. by avoiding the long-term depletion of natural resources; of or relating to activity of this type. Also: designating a natural resource which is exploited in such a way as to avoid its long-term depletion. Cf. *SUSTAINABILITY* *n.* 2b.

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First recorded in *sustainable energy*. Some of the more established uses of this sense are treated separately: see *Special uses*.

1976 D. ORR et al. (*title*) The Wolfcreek statement: toward a sustainable energy society.

1980 *World Conservation Strategy* (Internat. Union Conservation of Nature) IV. 1/1 The necessity of ensuring that utilization of an ecosystem or species is sustainable varies with a society's dependence on the resource in question.

1987 *New Scientist* 30 July 51/2 Agroforestry is arguably the single most important discipline for the future of sustainable agriculture in Africa.

1990 *Environment* 121/1 Pea Douce plant three trees for every one that is felled—a genuine, sustainable use of a resource.

2006 *Independent* 23 June (Extra section) 2 The Marine Conservation Society...campaigns for clean seas and beaches, sustainable fisheries...and sensitive use of marine resources.

2009 B. THORNESS *Edible Heirlooms* I. 15 To me, sustainable gardening means growing my food with as little external input as possible. I'll gladly pull weeds by hand rather than use herbicides.

2010 *Nature* 18 Feb. 849/2 A developing country can accelerate its GDP growth by over-logging its forests, even though this could destroy a sustainable resource and carbon sink that would be far more valuable over time.

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## SPECIAL USES

**sustainable architecture** *n.* architecture managed in such a way as to employ design techniques which minimize environmental degradation and make use of low-impact materials and energy sources.

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1986 F. A. REID in S. van der Ryn & P. Calthorpe *Sustainable Communities* II. 177 Another aspect of transit interfacing that is particularly important in sustainable architecture is the pedestrian link.

1995 *Guardian* 7 Jan. (Weekend Suppl.) 25/2 Their visitor centre for the urban farm in Liverpool has been approved, and part of the brief is that the building should explain sustainable architecture to the farm's young visitors.

2009 *Atlantic Monthly* Oct. 34/1 Green or sustainable architecture is all the rage—as well it should be, because buildings use a lot of energy.

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**sustainable city** *n.* *Town Planning and Ecology* a city constructed or landscaped in such a way as to minimize environmental degradation, with facilities (such as transport, waste management, etc.) which are designed so as to limit their impact on the natural environment, while providing the infrastructure needed for its inhabitants.

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1986 *Altoona (Pa.) Mirror* 17 Sept. A4/3 Altoona really has the opportunity to come to the forefront in being a sustainable city.

1992 *Environment & Urbanization* 4 154 (title) Sustainable cities: meeting needs, reducing resource use and recycling, re-use and reclamation.

2010 *New Scientist* 9 Oct. 22/2 Like other sustainable cities, PlanIT Valley will treat its own water and tap renewable energy. Buildings will also have plant-covered roofs.

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**sustainable development** *n.* (a) *Economics* economic development which can be sustained in the long term; cf. sense 3a (rare, and perhaps not a fixed collocation in this sense); (b) economic development in which natural resources are used in ways compatible with the long-term maintenance of these resources, and with the conservation of the environment.

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- 1972 *Econ. Jnl.* **82** 696 Any judgment about performance under the plan must be based on the extent to which the foundations for sustainable development in Turkey were laid.
- 1980 *World Conservation Strategy* (Internat. Union Conservation of Nature) I. 1/3 That conservation and sustainable development are mutually dependent can be illustrated by the plight of the rural poor.
- 2000 *Daily News* (Tanzania) 10 Mar. 6/1 In a move aimed at achieving sustainable development of the coastal communities and resources, Tanzania has drafted a coastal governance policy based on the principles of integrated coastal management.
- 2008 D. A. FENNELL *Ecotourism* (ed. 3) vi. 152 The Kuna are mindful of the importance of sustainable development and are striving to achieve it.

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**sustainable energy** *n.* energy derived from natural resources that are capable of being replenished, such as water, wind, or solar power, and hence can be sustained in the long term; frequently (and in earliest use) *attributive*.

- 1976 Sustainable energy [see sense 3b].
- 1990 *Taxation & Environmental Policy* (IFS Commentary No. 19) 6 Hydroelectric and other sustainable energy sources...might be expected to play a larger role in the energy industry.
- 2010 *Wall St. Jnl.* 21 July C10/4 Mr. Nouvel said the island will be using 100% sustainable energy, such as solar and geothermal sources.

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**sustainable tourism** *n.* tourism managed in a way which can be sustained in the long term and which preserves the integrity of the environment; cf. *ECOTOURISM n.*

- 1988 *Associated Press Newswire* (Nexis) 26 June Rational, sustainable tourism can help save the Pantanal by increasing international awareness of the region. But it must be done with caution... Tourism can also destroy.
- 1993 *Jrnl. Sustainable Tourism* 1 2/1 Sustainable tourism is a positive approach intended to reduce the tensions and friction created by the complex interactions between the tourism industry, visitors, the environment and the communities which are host to holidaymakers.
- 2006 A. STEFFEN et al. *Worldchanging* (2008) 365/1 Sustainable tourism could mean reducing water usage at a large hotel. It could be initiating a guide-training program for residents who live near a sightseeing destination.

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**sustainable transport** *n.* transport that minimizes harmful effects on the environment and the depletion of natural resources, such as walking, cycling, and fuel-efficient public transport, and hence can be sustained in the long term.

- 1989 *Independent* 27 May 16/7 Already his charitable organisation, Sustrans (*sustainable transport*), has created nearly 200 miles of cycleways, and his aim is nothing less than a continuous route from London to Inverness.
- 1997 *GQ* Sept. 270/2 Sections from Padstow to Bristol and Bath, and Harwich to Hull, have been opened. Inner city routes are also part of the scheme to encourage the use of *sustainable transport*.
- 2005 *Permaculture Mag.* Winter 35/4 A conceptual road-map to a more sustainable society..through..biological waste management, *sustainable transport* systems, community governance and so on.

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