

THEME A Relationships & Families

Cohabitation

A couple who live together and have a sexual relationship without being married to one another.

Sex before marriage

Sex between two single unmarried people.

Remarriage

When someone marries again whilst their former spouse is alive.

Annulment

A Catholic Church ruling that a marriage was never valid.

Heterosexual

To be sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex.



Homosexual

To be sexually attracted to members of the same sex.



Family Planning

Controlling how many children couples have and when they have them.



Contraception

The methods used to prevent a pregnancy from taking place.



Divorce

The legal ending of a marriage.



Marriage

A legally binding union between two people as partners in a personal relationship.



Civil partnership

A legal union between same sex couples.


Adultery

A sexual relationship between a married person and someone who is not their spouse. This leads to **sex outside of marriage**.

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Nuclear Family

A couple and their children.



Extended Family

A family that extends beyond parents and their children, e.g., grandparents.




Stepfamily

A family that is formed on the remarriage of a divorced or widowed person and that includes a child or children.


Polygamy

The practice of marrying multiple people at once.



Procreation

Bringing babies into the world.



Bigamy

The offence of marrying someone when already married to another person.

Gender equality

Giving people the same rights and opportunities regardless of their gender.

Gender Prejudice

Holding biased opinions about a person / group of people based on their gender.



Sexual discrimination

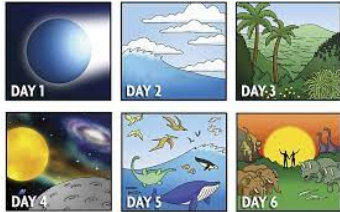
Acting against someone on the basis of their gender.

Sexual stereotyping

Having a fixed idea of how a person will behave based on their gender.

7 Days of Creation

Christian, Jewish and Muslim teaching that the universe was created in 7 days by God.



Universe

All of time and space and its contents: includes planets, stars and galaxies.

The Big Bang Theory

Scientific theory that the universe started from a singular moment which expanded over the next 13.8 billion years.

THEME B Religion & Life

Fundamentalist Christians

Christians who believe the statements in the bible are literally true.

Liberal Christians

Christians who believe the authors of the bible were guided by God but that the bible isn't literally true.

Stewardship

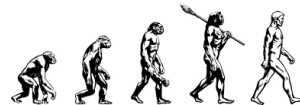
The Christian belief that people have a duty to look after the environment on behalf of God.

Dominion

To have power and rule over the earth.

Evolution

The process by which living organisms are thought to have developed from earlier forms.



Pollution

Making something dirty and contaminated, especially the environment.



Vegetarian

A person who doesn't eat meat or fish.



Vegan

A person who doesn't eat meat or any food produced by an animal.

Environment

The natural world; the surroundings in which someone lives.



Natural Resources

Materials found in nature, i.e., oil and trees.

Non-Renewable Resources

Things the earth provides but will eventually run out, i.e., oil, coal and gas.

Renewable Energy

Energy that comes from a source that does not run out, i.e., wind and sun.

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Sanctity of Life

All life is holy as it was created by God.



Quality of Life

The general wellbeing of a person and how good and satisfying their life is.

Hospice

To improve the quality the life and care for people who are suffering from an incurable disease or illness.



Active Euthanasia

When steps are taken to actively end a person's life, e.g., a lethal injection.

Abortion

The removal of a foetus from the womb to end a pregnancy before the child is born.

Non-Voluntary Euthanasia

When a person is too ill to ask to die, e.g., they are in a coma.

Euthanasia

The painless killing of a person suffering from a painful and incurable disease.

Voluntary Euthanasia

When a person asks a doctor to end their life.

Heaven

Spending eternity in the presence of God.

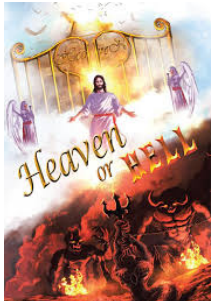
Eternity

Infinity – a place where time does not exist.



Hell

A place that symbolises eternal suffering and pain. A state of being without God.



Passive Euthanasia

When doctors withdraw treatment from a patient with the aim of quickening the natural process of dying.

Involuntary Euthanasia

When a person's life is ended even though they don't want it to be.

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Just War Theory

A set of traditionally Christian rules for how a war can be just (justified / acceptable). This is now accepted internationally by all other religions.



War

Fighting between nations to resolve issues between them.

Peace

An absence of conflict, which leads to happiness and harmony.



Pacifism

A belief in peace and non-violence.



Nuclear weapons

Weapons that work by nuclear reaction; they devastate huge areas and kill large numbers of people.



Holy War

Fighting for a religious cause or God.



Weapons of Mass Destruction

Weapons that kill large numbers of people and / or cause great damage.



Biological Weapons

Weapons that have living organisms or infective material that can lead to disease or death.

Chemical Weapons

Weapons that use chemicals to poison, burn or paralyse humans and destroy the natural environment.

Terrorism

The unlawful use of violence, usually against innocent civilians, to achieve a political goal.

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Retaliation

Deliberately harming someone as a response to them harming you.

Justice

Bringing about what is right and fair.



Christian Aid

A Christian organisation that set up in the 1940s to help victims of war.



Forgiveness

Showing grace and mercy and pardoning someone for what they have done.



Peacemaker

A person who works to establish peace in the world.



Reconciliation

When friendly relations are restored after a disagreement.



Reconciliation

A sacrament in the Catholic Church (asking the priest for forgiveness)

