



RE Vocabulary - Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
complementary		An idea or thinking that enhances another.	
conflict		To be in disagreement with something	
cosmology		The study of the nature and origin of the universe.	
creation		The action or process of bringing something into existence.	
evolution		The process by which living things have developed from earlier forms during their time on earth.	
Genesis		The first book of the Bible, which describes how God made the world.	
genre		a type/style	
God		Who Christians believe is the creator and ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being.	
interpret		To explain/understand the meaning of something.	
literally		The words mean exactly what they say.	
Psalm		A book, song or poem found in the Bible.	
scientist		A person who is studying or has expert knowledge of one or more of the natural or physical sciences.	
universe		all existing matter and space	



RE Vocabulary - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
aarti		Light, which removes darkness.	
atman		Each person has an individual soul.	
bhajans		Hindu worship songs. They are accompanied by hand-clapping, the ringing of bells and the playing of percussion instruments such as finger cymbals.	
bindi mark		The kum kum powder is used to place a mark on the forehead of the murtis and the worshippers themselves.	
deity		another name for a god	
dharma		a Hindu's duty	
karma		The law of cause and effect. The law of karma suggests, people who live according to their dharma, (people who do their religious and moral duty) will achieve a higher state of rebirth.	
kum kum powder		A special red powder used to make a red mark on the forehead of murtis and worshippers. This represents the 'third eye': the all-seeing eye of wisdom (sight).	
moksha		It is the release or liberation from the cycle of samsara. When the soul is freed, it becomes one with God. This is what all Hindus aim for.	
murti		An image or statue of a Hindu god found in Hindu homes and temples. Hindus believe that during worship, the spirit or presence of God comes into the murti.	
prashad		a mixture of dried fruits, nuts and sugar crystals: a religious offering in Hinduism	
puja		Hindu worship	
rebirth		To be reborn.	
reincarnation		The cycle of birth, death and rebirth. This is a key Hindu belief.	
samsara		the cycle of life, death and reincarnation	
soul		The spiritual or immaterial part of a human being or animal, regarded as immortal (never dies).	
vegetarian		Someone who does not eat any meat/fish.	



RE Vocabulary - SALVATION: What did Jesus do to save human beings?

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
atonement		To make amends for sins and reconcile with God.	
belief		An acceptance that something is true, especially one without proof.	
crucifixion		Death on a cross, the execution method used by Romans.	
Eucharist		A part of a service where Christians eat bread and drink wine to remember Jesus' sacrifice.	
Gospels		The first 4 books of the New Testament which document the life of Jesus. They are written by 4 of Jesus' disciples: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.	
Holy Communion		A part of a service where Christians eat bread and drink wine to remember Jesus' sacrifice.	
incarnation		God the Son in human flesh as Jesus Christ.	
Isaiah		A major Hebrew prophet of Judah in the 8th Century BC who wrote one of the books in the Old Testament.	
Lamb of God		a name given to Jesus	
Last Supper		A meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest.	
Lord's Supper		A part of a service where Christians eat bread and drink wine to remember Jesus' sacrifice.	
martyr		A person who is killed for their religious belief.	
Mass		A part of a service where Christians eat bread and drink wine to remember Jesus' sacrifice.	
Messiah		Jesus, regarded by Christians, as the Messiah of the Hebrew prophecies and the saviour of humankind.	
Open Doors		A Christian charity that works all over the world to help Christians who are being persecuted for following Jesus.	
Passover/ Pesach		A Jewish festival celebrating the freeing of the Israelites from slavery.	
persecuted		To make someone suffer because of their belief.	
Pontius Pilate		The Roman Governor who sentenced Jesus to death.	
prophecy		A prediction of something to come.	
prophet		A person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God. They give prophecies.	
punishment		A penalty or sanction given for any crime or offence.	
rescued		To bring (someone or something) out of danger, attack, harm or to deliver or save.	
resurrection		The event in which Jesus Christ came back to life after he had been killed.	
sacrifice		An offering to God. In Christianity, Jesus was the sacrifice.	



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salvation			Being saved from the power of sin and from its penalties through Jesus' sacrifice.	
Sanhedrin			supreme council of Jews	
Stations of the Cross			The Stations of the Cross refer to a series of paintings showing the events from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to him rising from the dead.	
symbolism/ symbolise			The use of symbols in order to represent something.	



RE Vocabulary - People of God: What is it like to follow God?

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
Abram/Abraham		A man in the Old Testament whom God made a covenant with.	
ark		The boat built by Noah to save his family and two of every kind of animal from the Flood.	
Bible		The Christian holy book, which is made up of two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.	
contract		a written or spoken agreement	
covenant		an agreement	
charter		a grant or guarantee of rights	
faith		complete trust or confidence in someone or something	
forgive		Stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offence, flaw or mistake.	
forgiveness		The action or process of being forgiven.	
New Testament		The second part of the Bible which contains stories about Jesus and his followers.	
Noah		A man in the Old Testament who built an ark, following God's instructions.	
Old Testament		The first part of the Bible. Stories in the Bible which happened before Jesus was born. They often focus on the friendship between the main characters and God.	
People of God		People of God is a description in the Old Testament that applies to the Israelites and that in the New Testament applies to Christians.	
promise		A declaration that a person will do something or that a particular thing will happen.	
Salvation Army		a Christian charity and a type of church	
symbol		Something that represents or stands for something else.	
relationship		The way in which two or more people or groups regard and behave towards each other. Christians believe they have a personal relationship with God.	
trust		The firm belief in the reliability, truth or ability of someone or something.	
William Booth		the founder of the Salvation Army	



RE Vocabulary - Kingdom of God: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
ascension		Jesus went up to Heaven, 40 days after the resurrection.	
apostles		Jesus's original disciples	
baptism		A ceremony with water representing cleansing, the death of the old life and the start of the new as a Christian.	
Corinthians		The people from Corinth in Greece. The apostle Paul wrote a letter to them.	
disciples		personal followers of Jesus	
evangelist		Someone who seeks to spread their faith.	
fruit of the spirit		9 attributes found in the Bible describing what Jesus and Christians are meant to be like.	
Holy Spirit		One of the 3 persons that make up the Trinity. A guide, helper and comforter to Christians.	
impact		The effect or influence an action has.	
Pentecost		The day that the disciples received the Holy Spirit.	
Peter		The disciple that Jesus told to be the leader after his death.	
resurrect		To come back from the dead.	
resurrection		The time when Jesus rose from the dead.	
Shavuot		The Jewish name for Pentecost (Pentecost is the Greek name meaning 50 as it is 50 days after Passover)	
tongues		To speak in different languages.	
Trinity		God in 3 parts—Father, Son and Holy Spirit	



RE Vocabulary - What matters most to Humanists and Christians?

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
afterlife		(In some religions) life after death.	
agnostic		Someone who isn't sure about the existence of God.	
atheist		Someone who doesn't believe in the existence of God.	
Beatitudes		The blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Ch 5.	
Bible		the holy book of Christianity	
Christianity		Major religion stemming from the life, teachings, and death of Jesus. It has become the largest of the world's religions and, geographically, the most widely diffused of all faiths.	
church		The holy place for Christians—their place of worship.	
code		a system of principles or rules	
commandments		The Ten Commandments also known as 'the decalogue', are a set of biblical principles relating to ethics and worship that play a fundamental role in Judaism and Christianity.	
forgiveness		The action or process of being forgiven.	
God		A supreme being or spirit worshipped as having power over nature and life.	
humanism		A belief that: Doesn't believe in the existence of a god. Trusts to the scientific method when it comes to understanding how the universe works and rejects the idea of the supernatural (and is therefore an atheist or agnostic). Makes their ethical decisions based on reason, empathy, and a concern for human beings and other sentient animals. Believes that, in the absence of an afterlife and any discernible purpose to the universe, human beings can act to give their own lives meaning by seeking happiness in this life and helping others to do the same.	
humanist		follower of the principles of humanism	
morals		Standards of behaviour; principles of right and wrong.	
peace		Freedom from disturbance; tranquillity.	
peacemaker		A person who brings about peace.	
The Golden Rule		The one main belief that many other religions agree on.	
values		Principles or standards of behaviour; one's judgement of what is important in life.	