Worldviews

General key words

1	Worldview	A point of view on life that sums up what we know about the world, how we feel about it, and how we respond to it.
2	Cargo cult	A religious group from WW2 that thought American cargo deliveries were being summoned from God.
3	Philosophy	Asking big questions about truth, reality and right and wrong.
4	Sociology	Asking questions about how groups of people behave together and why.
5	Theology	Questions about religious faith and God.
6	Census	Yearly survey done by the government on life and attitudes in the UK.

Dimensions of religion

7	Ninian Smart	Person who studied religions and came up with the 7 dimensions of religion.
8	Dimension of religion	A key part of every religion and something every religion has.
9	Ritual	A practical thing done in a religion. A dimension of religion.
10	Experiential	The key experiences people had that led to a religion. A dimension of religion.
11	Narrative	Stories about the world and people, often with meanings. A dimension of religion.
12	Doctrine	Key ideas or beliefs a religion has about things. A dimension of religion.
13	Substantive definition	What makes a religion is its substance, what its made of.

Sociology

14	Functionalism	Studying something by looking at its role or function.
15	Durkheim	Sociologist and the founder of functionalism
16	Value consensus	When everyone in society agrees about the important questions in life.
17	Sacred things	Things in society that are important or meaningful to people.
18	Profane things	Everyday normal things in society that have no importance.

Concepts of God

Ancient Greek ideas

1	Pantheon	All the Gods of a religion or people together.
2	Polytheism	Believing in more than one God.
3	Allegory	A story that is made up to help explain an idea.
4	Plato	Ancient Greek philosopher who came up with he allegory of the cave and form of the good.
5	Forms	The 'real' versions of everything that exist in the world of forms, idea put forward by Plato.
6	Form of the good	Most important and highest form that helps people understand the other forms, like the sun helps us see.

Monotheistic beliefs

7	Monotheism	Belief in a single God.
8	Omniscient	Belief God is all knowing.
9	Omnibenevolent	Belief God is all loving.
10	Omnipotent	Belief God is all powerful
11	Trinity	Christian belief that one God is made up of three persons.
12	Father	Part of the Christian trinity that judges people and began creation.
13	Son	Part of the Christian trinity that came to earth as Jesus.
14	Holy spirit	Part of the Christian trinity that is Gods power on earth and visits Christians.

Pluralistic beliefs

15	Pluralism	Belief that more than one idea of God can exist and they can all be true.
16	Avatar	When something takes on a different form. E.G. God can take on a human avatar.
17	Trimurti	Three Gods of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva together in Hinduism.
18	Brahman	One supreme being in Hinduism.
19	Shiva	Hindu Goddess of destruction.
20	Brahma	Hindu God of creation.
21	Vishnu	Hindu God is sustaining or preservation.

Beliefs about God

22	Agnostic	Being unsure or uncaring over whether God exists.
23	Theist	Believing in some form of God.
24	Atheism	Belief that there is no God.

Creation

Creation stories

1	Genesis	First book of the Christian Bible and the Christian creation story.
2	Creation	The created world, all of creation.
3	Big Bang	Scientific explanation of how the universe started 13.8 billion years ago.
4	Red shift	Shift of light from distant stars toward red as they move away from us.
5	Om	Sacred or holy sound in Hinduism.

Christian Genesis story	**Hindu Creation story**
God created the world **from nothing** with the power of his words by **commanding** things into existence. This **took 7 days** and after each day he said **it was good**.	In a dark endless ocean **Vishnu** sleeps on a **giant serpent**. From his belly a **lotus flower** grows with **Brahma** on it and he creates all things. **Vishnu** looks after it, **Shiva** destroys it and the cycle starts again.

Environment and humans

6	Climate change	The climate heating up and changing due to human beings.
7	Greenhouse gases	Gasses that trap heat inside the earth's atmosphere and warm the planet.
8	C02	Greenhouse gas produced by burning fossil fuels like oil and gas.
9	Sanctity of life	Christian belief humans are made to be like God and are sacred or holy.
10	Chief Seattle	American Indian chief who defended American Indian land.

Franciscan beliefs

11	St Francis	Christian Saint of animals and nature.
12	Gubbio	Village where St Francis reconciled villagers with a wolf.
13	Reconciliation	Bringing together two people who were fighting.
14	Stewardship	Idea we must look after the world as God gave it to us to care for.
15	Franciscan	Group of monks who follow St Francis' lifestyle and values.
16	Hilfield Friary	Friary run by Franciscan monks outside Yeovil.

Extinction rebellion

17	Extinction rebellion	A group that protests climate change using a range of methods.
18	Civil disobedience	Causing a disturbance to protest against something you disagree with.