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| Key Word For Unit 8 | Meaning |
| Bible | the holy book of Christians |
| Church | the community of Christians (with a small c it means a Christian place of worship) |
| conscience | an inner feeling of the rightness or wrongness of an action |
| Decalogue | the Ten Commandments |
| democratic processes | the ways in which all citizens can take part in government (usually through elections) |
| electoral processes | the ways in which voting is organised |
| Golden Rule | the teaching of Jesus that you should treat others as you would like them to treat you |
| human rights | the rights and freedoms to which everyone is entitled |
| political party | a group which tries to be elected into power on its policies (for example, Labour, Conservative) |
| pressure group | a group formed to influence government policy on a particular issue |
| situation ethics | the idea that Christians should base moral decisions on what is the most loving thing to do |
| social change | the way in which society has changed and is changing (and also the possibilities for future change) |
| artificial insemination | injecting semen into the uterus by artificial means |
| conservation | protecting and preserving natural resources and the environment |
| creation | the act of creating the universe, or the universe which has been created |
| embryo | a fertilised egg in the first eight weeks after conception |
| environment | the surroundings in which plants and animals live and on which they depend to continue living |
| global warming | the increase in the temperature of the Earth’s atmosphere (thought to be caused by the greenhouse effect) |
| infertility | not being able to have children |
| in-vitro fertilisation | the method of fertilising a human egg in a test tube |
| natural resources | naturally occurring materials, such as oil and fertile land, which can be used by humans |
| organ donation | giving organs to be used in transplant surgery |
| stewardship | looking after something so it can be passed on to the next generation |
| surrogacy | an arrangement whereby a woman bears a child on behalf of another woman or where an egg is donated and fertilised by the husband through IVF and then implanted into the wife’s uterus |
| aggression | attacking without being provoked |
| bullying | intimidating/frightening people weaker than yourself |
| conflict resolution | bringing a fight or struggle to a peaceful conclusion |
| exploitation | taking advantage of a weaker group |
| forgiveness | the act of stopping blaming someone and/or pardoning them for what they have done wrong |
| just war | a war that is fought for the right reasons and in a right way |
| pacifism | the belief that all disputes should be settled by peaceful means |
| reconciliation | bringing together people who were opposed to each other |
| respect | treating a person or their feelings with consideration |
| the United Nations | an international body set up to promote world peace and co-operation |
| weapons of mass destruction | weapons which can destroy large areas and numbers of people |
| world peace | the ending of war throughout the whole world (the basic aim of the United Nations) |
| addiction | a recurring compulsion to engage in an activity regardless of its bad effects |
| capital punishment | the death penalty for a crime or offence |
| crime | an act against the law |
| deterrence | the idea that punishments should be of such a nature that they will put people off (deter) committing crimes |
| judgement | the act of judging people and their actions |
| justice | due allocation of reward and punishment, the maintenance of what is right |
| law | rules made by Parliament and enforceable by the courts |
| reform | the idea that punishments should try to change criminals so that they will not commit crimes again |
| rehabilitation | restore to normal life |
| responsibility | being responsible for one’s actions |
| retribution | the idea that punishments should make criminals pay for what they have done wrong |
| sin | an act against the will of God |