

Year 5 - Citizenship

Defendant	Person accused of committing a crime.
Environment	The local surroundings or place a person lives or works in.
Freedom of Expression	The right to express thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.
Government	The elected party who govern and make decisions for the country.
House of Commons	Where the Members of Parliament debate laws and issues that relate to our country.
Human Rights	Specific rights which belong to every person.
Judge	Listens to both sides of a court case (the defense and the prosecution) and makes the final decision as to whether the defendant is guilty of what they are being accused of.
Jury	A group of people taken at random who look at evidence in a criminal case and help decide whether or not the defendant is guilty or not guilty.
Member of Parliament (MP)	A person who has been elected by vote to represent people from a specific area in the House of Commons.
Parliament	Where the laws of our country are decided. It is made up of the House of Lords and the House of Commons.
Pressure Group	Aim to change the opinions or activities of people and try to influence government policy or legislation.
Prime Minister	Leads the government.
Trial	The examination of evidence by a judge and usually a jury, in order to decide whether or not the defendant is guilty or not.

Key facts

Laws are decided in Parliament and are there to help the country run smoothly

People who break the law are dealt with by the police and may go to court for trial

We have the right to express our opinions but we also have a responsibility not to upset or harm other people



Parliament is made up of the House of Commons, House of Lords and the Monarch



The Government are elected by people and they decide how the country will be run and make laws



Pressure groups are formed by people who feel strongly about an issue and want to make changes

It is important that pressure groups use legal methods to bring about change, for example sharing information and talking to politicians

☒ Reuse
☒ Reduce
☒ Recycle

The Waste Hierarchy shows that reducing our use of materials and energy is the best thing of the environment

Some individuals make a significant contribution to the local community and this can be recognised in a number of ways