

Year 9 PDC Vocabulary List

(Tier 2 and Tier 3)



Act – a law that has been passed/approved.

Analyse – examine (something) methodically and in detail, typically in order to explain and interpret it.

Anxiety – a feeling of unease, such as worry or fear, that can be mild or severe. Everyone has feelings of anxiety at some point in their life. For example, you may feel worried and anxious about sitting an exam or having a medical test or job interview.

Aspiration – a hope or ambition of achieving something.

Bill – a law that has not been passed/approved yet.

Coercive control – domestic abuse in which a person subjects a spouse, partner, or close relative to a sustained pattern of controlling, threatening, or humiliating behaviour.

Compare – estimate, measure, or note the similarity or dissimilarity between.

Credit score – a number, available to all lending companies, which indicates how reliable you are to lend money to.

Criminal responsibility – the age at which a child may be arrested, prosecuted, tried and, if found guilty, may receive a disposal from a criminal court for an offence.

Describe – to give a detailed account.

Domestic Conflict – arguments, rows, abuse and serious disputes which take place at a person's home, often involving family members.

Enterprising person – a person who is full of energy, ambition and good ideas about how to succeed. These are people who are suited to be entrepreneurs.

Evaluate – form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess.

Explain – to make something clear or easy to understand by describing or giving information/examples about it.

Forced marriage – where one of both people do not or cannot consent to the marriage and pressure or abuse is used to force them into the marriage.

Foster family – a family that provides custody or guardianship for children whose parents are dead or unable to look after them.

House of Commons – where the elected group of MPs (members of Parliament) meet. They have been voted for by the people of the UK.

House of Lords – the upper house of Parliament where some members are unelected and some are bishops

Interest – the extra amount you pay on the money you borrowed, according to a set interest rate.

Knife crime – illegal activities involving knives, e.g. carrying a knife, using a knife as a weapon, hiding a knife used as a weapon, selling a knife or possessing a knife as a weapon.

Nuclear family – a couple and their dependent children, regarded as a basic social unit.

Peer pressure – The pressure felt to do what people in your age group are doing and to do what they want you to do.

Resolution – Finding a solution to the conflict that both sides can accept.

Schizophrenia – A long term mental health condition which can cause a sufferer to have frightening hallucinations.