



Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts for Unit 2

The following glossary provides a list of key terms and concepts that are integral to the topics for Unit 2 within the specification. This can be used to help with teaching and/or revision to ensure that students are familiar with them.

Topic 1 Crime and Deviance

Agents/agencies of social control
Anomie
Antisocial behaviour
Chivalry thesis
Community service
Computer crime
Conformity
Corporate crime
Crime rate
Dark figure
Data protection
Deviance
Formal and informal social control
Identity theft
Indictable offence
Judiciary
Labelling theory
Master status
Official crime statistics
Probation
Recorded crime
Relative deprivation
Scapegoat
Self-report studies
Social control/sanctions
Social construct
Socially defined behaviour
Social order
Stereotype
Sub-culture
Surveillance
Victim surveys
White collar crime

Topic 2 Mass Media

Agenda-setting
Amplification
Audience
Bias
Blog
Broadsheet
Censorship
Content analysis
Convergence
Desensitised
Digital media
Folk devils
Freedom of speech
Gatekeeper
Globalisation
Hyper reality
Hyperdermic syringe model
Identity
Image
Interactivity
Mass popular culture
Moral panic
News value
Old/new media
Pluralism
Popular press
Propaganda
Postmodern society
Readership
Semiology
Social networking
Spin doctor
Stigmatising
Substitute hearth
Tabloid

Topic 3 Power

Alienated
Aristocracy
Charismatic authority
Citizen
Class alignment/de-alignment
Coercion
Conservatives
Constituency
Democracy
Dictatorship
Direct action
Discrimination
Elections and electoral reform
Electorate
Elite
Ideology
Left and right wing
Legal rational authority
Legislative process
Member of Parliament
Monarchy
Nation state
Neo-liberalism
New social movements
Political party
Political socialisation
Privatisation
Pressure group
Prime Minister
Socialism
Trade unions
Traditional authority

Topic 4 Social Inequality

Absolute poverty
Achieved status
Ageism
Ascribed status
Asylum seeker
Culture of poverty
Cycle of deprivation
Dependency culture
Environmental poverty
Ethnic diversity
Ethnic group
Ethnic minority
Glass ceiling
Income
Institutional racism
Life chances
Means testing
Middle class
Patriarchy
Poverty trap
Racial discrimination
Racial equality
Racial prejudice
Racism
Relative poverty
Scapegoat
Selective benefits
Sex discrimination
Sexism
Social exclusion
Social mobility
Social security
Socio-economic class
Social stratification
Stereotype
Subjective poverty
Underclass
Unemployment
Universal benefits
Voluntary sector
Wealth
Welfare reform
Welfare state
Welfare to work
Working class

NB. Key terms in one topic may be referred to for questions in other areas of the GCSE Course. Any selection of key terms is of course arbitrary and will often involve other associated ideas and developments within sociology. The list presented here is thus not exhaustive.