

## Science Vocabulary - Light 6

RAG Words	Definition	Tally
dark	The environmental condition of the absence of light.	
light	Light is radiation that allows things to be seen. Sources include the Sun, fires and electrical devices.	
light source	This is the object which is the origin of light. The Sun is the main source of light on Earth.	
matt	Another word for dull material that does not reflect light well.	
opaque	Objects which do not allow any light through them. Opaque objects cast the darkest shadows.	
ray diagram	This is a picture showing how light rays travel.	
reflect	The ability of material to allow light to bounce off it.	
shadow	An area of darkness caused by an object blocking light from a light source.	
shiny	A word used to describe objects that reflect light well.	
straight lines	This is how light always travels.	
transparent	The name given to materials that allow all light to pass through them.	
translucent	Describes materials that allow only part of the light through them.	
opaque	Objects which do not allow any light through them. Opaque objects cast the darkest shadows.	



## Science Vocabulary - Rocks 3

RAG Words	Definition	Tally
crystal	A substance that has a certain geometric shape.	
drainage	Is the property of a material to allow water to move through it.	
fossil	This is the impression of the remains of a plant or animal embedded in the rock.	
hardness	Is the measure of resistance of a substance to being reshaped.	
igneous	Is formed when magma or lava from volcanoes cools.	
metamorphic	This is formed in the Earth, when high temperatures and pressure change the chemistry of igneous or sedimentary rocks.	
mineral	Minerals are solid chemicals that can be found in rocks.	
porous	Rocks that contain a network of spaces within them allowing water to pass through are porous.	
sedimentary	A type of rock that is formed when smaller particles of rock accumulate and are cemented together.	
soil	The upper layer of Earth and is a mixture of clay, rock particles and organic matter	
texture	The feel or appearance of a substance.	
weathering	Is the breaking down of rocks and minerals into smaller pieces.	



Science Vocabulary - Evolution & Inheritance 6

RAG Words	Definition	Tally
sexual reproduction	Before sexual reproduction occurs, the male peacock puts on a spectacular display of colour.	
asexual reproduction	A type of reproduction where 2 parents are not required to produce offspring.	
offspring	The result of reproduction in plants and animals.	
reproduction	The process by which 2 offspring are produced.	
variation	This is the differences between individuals of a species.	
characteristic	A feature of an individual animal or species.	
adaption	This is the process by which a species becomes suited to it's environment.	
environment	The surroundings in which an animal or plant inhabits.	
inherited	A characteristic passed on from parents or ancestors.	
evolution	The change of inherited characteristics of living things over successive generations.	
species	The largest group of living things that can produce offspring.	
fossil	The impression of the remains of plants or animals preserved in rock.	



Science Vocabulary - Living Things & Habitats 4

RAG Words	Definition	Tally
classification	The grouping of species based on common characteristics.	
classification key	It is a system for classifying living things using questions that have 'yes/no' answers.	
environment	The surroundings or conditions in which plants and animals live.	
extinct	When individuals of a particular species no longer exist.	
habitat	A type of environment in which an organism is found.	
hibernate	The process of animals or plants becoming dormant in the Winter.	
human impact	Refers to the effects of human activity, both positive and negative on the natural environment and living things that occupy it.	
migration	The seasonal movement of an animal from one habitat to another.	
negative	An undesirable attribute or outcome.	
positive	A desirable attribute.	



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amphibians	A class of animal that inhabit both land and water. Known for their slimy skin.	
aorta	The main artery attached to the heart.	
birds	Birds are easily classified as animals with feathers.	
diaphragm	A sheet of muscle situated underneath the lungs and extends across the majority of the lower chest.	
DNA	Stands for deoxyribonucleic acid.  DNA contains all the genetic information for species to make copies of themselves. We call these copies offspring, and they are not exactly the same as their parents.	
fish	A class of animal that lives in watery habitats. All have gills that allow them to extract oxygen from the water.	
flowering	Types of plant that periodically produce flowers.	
insects	Insects are invertebrates that have 3 parts to their body and 6 legs.	
invertebrates	Invertebrates are animals that do not have an internal skeleton.	
mammals	Animals that produce milk for their young.	
non-flowering	Types of plant that do not produce flowers at any time.	
reptiles	Scaly, cold-blooded animals found in a variety of forms and habitats.	
taxonomy	The scientific term for classification of living things.  Classification of living Classes Classes  Class (Classes)  Genus (General)  Species (Species)	
vertebrates	Animals that have internal skeletons.	



Science Vocabulary - Properties & Changes of Materials 5

RAG Words	Definition	Tally
burning		
change of state		
dissolve		
electrical conductor		
electrical insulator		
evaporation		
filtration		
insoluble		
irreversible change		
mixture		