

RSE & PSHE

Key vocabulary



Including definitions and coverage of keywords

This document outlines the key vocabulary that is covered across our RSE & PSHE scheme of work.

RSE & PSHE vocabulary

Year 1

Families and relationships

- **Behaviour**
The way that somebody acts around other people
- **Care**
Looking after someone or something
- **Emotions**
The range of feelings that someone can have, such as happiness or anger
- **Family**
A unit of people joined together by blood, marriage, or other means including adoption or a close social bond
- **Feelings**
Emotions that a person can have
- **Friend**
Someone you like and enjoy spending time with
- **Friendly**
Being nice or kind to someone
- **Problem**
A difficult matter or situation
- **Stereotype**
An oversimplified view or idea about something, often someone, which is often untrue and many people might believe

Health and wellbeing

- **Allergy**
A strong reaction to something (e.g. certain foods, pollen)
- **Emotions**
The range of feelings that someone can have, such as happiness or anger
- **Feelings**
Emotions that a person can have
- **Germ**
A very small living thing which can make us ill
- **Ill (poorly)**
Not feeling well because of an illness or disease
- **Qualities**
The personality traits that make someone who they are
- **Relax**
To rest or take a break

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Year 1

Safety and the changing body

- **Accident**
Something that happens unintentionally
- **Drug**
A substance which changes the way the body, and sometimes the mind works, and can have a positive or negative effect (medicines are drugs)
- **Emergency**
When someone is badly hurt, very ill or there has been a bad accident
- **Hazards**
Dangerous or risky things that should be avoided if possible
- **Medicine**
Something you take to make you better if you are ill
- **Physical contact**
One person touches another
- **Polite**
Respectful and considerate behaviour towards others
- **Respect**
Being thoughtful and polite towards other people, or admiring someone because of their qualities or what they have achieved
- **Role**
A particular job you do as part of a larger task, or the part you play in it
- **Trust**
Relying on someone to do something for you, such as keeping something safe for you



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Citizenship

- **Care**
Looking after someone or something
- **Democracy**
A system of government where everyone can vote for who they want to represent them
- **Different**
Something that is not the same as something else
- **Fair**
Treating everyone equally
- **Pet**
An animal we look after and care for in our homes
- **Responsibility**
Being in charge of our own actions
- **Rule**
Something that tells us what is allowed or not allowed
- **Similar**
Something that is nearly the same as another thing
- **Unique**
Something original and unlike anything else
- **Vote**
A choice for a person or thing

Economic wellbeing

- **Banks and building societies**
Look after your money and can lend you money that you have to pay back
- **Cash**
Physical money such as notes or coins
- **Earn**
To get money for doing something, such as a job
- **Save**
Keeping money for something special or for the future
- **Skill**
The ability to do something well
- **Spend**
Buying something with money
- **Value**
How much a coin or note is worth

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Complete list

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- Earn
- Emergency
- Emotions
- Fair
- Family
- Feelings
- Friend
- Friendly
- Germs
- Hazards
- Ill (poorly)
- Medicine
- Pet
- Physical contact
- Polite
- Problem
- Qualities
- Relax
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Role
- Rule
- Save
- Similar
- Skill
- Spend
- Stereotype
- Trust
- Unique
- Value
- Vote

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Year 2

Families and relationships

- **Friendship**
A special bond between yourself and a friend
- **Love**
Feelings of affection and care
- **Manners**
A way of behaving that shows respect towards other people

Previously covered:
**Emotions (Y1), Family (Y1),
Feelings (Y1), Stereotype (Y1),
Respect (Y1)**

Health and wellbeing

- **Diet**
The food we eat
- **Exercise**
Movement of the body for our health and fitness
- **Goal**
Something you want to achieve
- **Growth mindset**
Believing that we can achieve things if we work hard. 'I can't do it yet!'
- **Healthy**
Being well, both physically and mentally
- **Physical activity**
Something that requires someone to move their body
- **Relaxation**
Doing calming activities such as having a bath or reading a book
- **Skill**
The ability to do something well
- **Strengths**
The things we are good at

Previously covered:
Emotions (Y1), Feelings (Y1)

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Year 2

Safety and the changing body

- **Medicine**
Something you take to make you feel better when you are ill
- **Pedestrian**
A person walking to travel somewhere
- **Private**
Something personal or secret
- **Secret**
Something that is not supposed to be known about or seen by anyone
- **Surprise**
An unexpected fact or event
- **Penis**
The male external sex organ
- **Testicles/testes**
Produce sperm and male sex organs
- **Vulva**
The external female sex organs
- **Vagina**
The tube inside a woman connecting the womb to the vulva



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Year 2

Citizenship

- **Election**
An event where people vote
- **Environment**
The local surroundings or place a person lives or works in
- **Identity**
Who someone is and how they define themselves
- **Job**
Paid work carried out on a regular basis
- **Opinion**
What a person thinks about something
- **Rule**
Something that tells us what is allowed or not allowed
- **School council**
A group of children who help make school better
- **Volunteer**
A person who offers to help out with tasks or activities without getting paid
- **Vote**
A choice for a person or thing

Economic wellbeing

- **Coins**
Official disks of metal used as money
- **Need**
Something that we need or require to survive, rather than just simply 'want'
- **Notes**
Official printed paper which is used as money
- **Priority**
Something that should come before anything else
- **Want**
Something we would like to have

Previously covered:
**Banks and building societies (Y1),
Cash (Y1), Earn (Y1), Save (Y1)**

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Previously covered:
Responsibility (Y1)

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Complete list

- Coins
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- Friendship
- Goal
- Growth mindset
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- Identity
- Job
- Love
- Manners
- Need
- Notes
- Priority
- Opinion
- Relaxation
- Rule
- Physical activity
- School council
- Skill
- Strengths
- Volunteer
- Vote
- Want

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Year 3

Families and relationships

- **Bullying**
To cause repeated physical or emotional pain to somebody
- **Communicate**
To interact with other people through words or body language
- **Empathy**
To be considerate and understanding of other people's feelings
- **Open questions**
Questions that do not have simple one word answers
- **Similar**
Something that is nearly the same as another thing
- **Solve**
To find an answer to a problem
- **Sympathy**
Feeling sad for someone when something bad happens to them
- **Trust**
Relying on someone to do something for you, such as keeping a secret or keeping something safe for you

Health and wellbeing

- **Alone**
Being by yourself
- **Balance**
A variety of different things or an equal amount of something
- **Barriers**
Obstacles that stop us achieving our goals
- **Belonging**
Feeling comfortable and at home in a certain situation or place
- **Identity**
Who someone is, how they define themselves
- **Lonely**
Feeling sad because you are alone
- **Resilience**
Willingness to try even when things get really hard

Previously covered:
Diet (Y2), Healthy (Y2), Relax (Y1)

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Previously covered:
Stereotype (Y2)

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Year 3

Safety and the changing body

- **Allergic**
Having a reaction to a substance (e.g. food, pollen)
- **Anaphylaxis**
Having an acute or severe allergic reaction
- **Bullying**
To cause repeated physical or emotional pain to someone
- **Casualty**
Someone who has an injury
- **Choice**
A decision between one or more choices
- **Cyberbullying**
Bullying that occurs through the internet
- **Decision**
Making a choice
- **Distraction**
Something that prevents us from concentrating on something else
- **Fake**
Something that is not real but is pretending to be
- **Influence**
To have an effect on someone else's decision making
- **Injuries**
Damages to the body



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Year 3

Citizenship

- **Charity**
An organisation that raises money for those in need
- **Community**
A group of people in the same area, or have things in common
- **Consequence**
The result of an action, usually one that is negative or involves punishment
- **Council**
A group of people who manage a city, county or organisation
- **Councillor**
A member of a council
- **Law**
Rules enforced by government that define what we can and can't do
- **Recycling**
Converting waste into reusable materials
- **Rights**
A set of actions and principles that are entitled to someone
- **United Nations/UN**
An international organisation founded in 1945 after World War 2 which aims to maintain international peace and security, human rights and better standards of living

Previously covered:

Democracy (Y1), Responsibility (Y1), Environment (Y2)

Economic wellbeing

- **Budget**
A specific and limited amount of money you have to manage and spend
- **Expense**
The cost of something
- **Feeling**
A physical or emotional response to something
- **Qualification**
The skills or experience you have
- **Stereotype**
An oversimplified view or idea about something, often someone, that is often untrue and many people might believe

Previously covered:

Save (Y1), Spend (Y1)

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Year 3

Complete list

- Alone
- Balance
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- Belonging
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- Communication
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- Empathy
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- Feeling
- Human rights
- Identity
- Law
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- Similar
- Solve
- Stereotype
- Stretch
- Sympathy
- Trust
- United Nations/UN

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Year 4

Families and relationships

- **Act of kindness**
Doing something nice for someone
- **Authority**
A person with high status and decision making power
- **Bereavement**
Mourning or grieving someone who has died
- **Boundaries**
Physical or mental limits that someone establishes to protect themselves from getting hurt
- **Bystander**
Someone who watches something without getting involved
- **Permission**
Allowing someone to do something once they have asked first

Previously covered:

Bullying (Y3), Manners (Y2), Respect (Y1), Stereotype (Y1)

Health and wellbeing

- **Fluoride**
A chemical found in toothpaste that helps keep our teeth strong and healthy
- **Mental health**
Our psychological and emotional wellbeing
- **Negative emotions**
Emotions that make us feel sad or angry
- **Positive emotions**
Emotions that make us and others around us feel happy
- **Visualise**
To create an image of something in the mind

Previously covered:

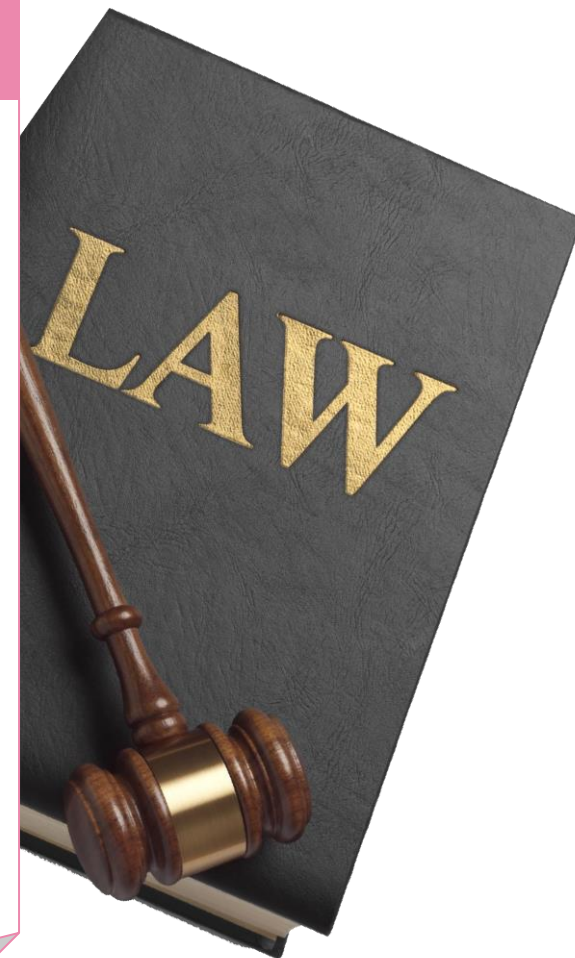
Healthy (Y2), Relaxation (Y2), Resilience (Y3), Skill (Y2)

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Year 4

Safety and the changing body

- **Age restriction**
Something restricted from access until you are a certain age
- **Asthma**
A common lung condition that causes breathing problems
- **Law**
Rules enforced by the government that define what we can and cannot do
- **Protect**
To keep someone safe from something
- **Puberty**
The physical and emotional changes of a child becoming an adult
- **Public**
Something that is open to anybody
- **Tobacco**
A plant grown for its leaves which contains a highly addictive drug called nicotine
- **Breasts**
Enlarged soft parts of a female's chest which produce milk for a baby
- **Genitals**
The external sex organs. The word 'genitals' is used for both males and females.



Previously covered:
Private, Penis (Y2), Testicles/Testes (Y2)

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Year 4

Citizenship

- **Authority**
A person with high status and decision making power
- **Cabinet**
A group of councillors who have responsibility for different things
- **Council officer**
A person who works for a council, not an elected member
- **Diversity**
Recognising and valuing difference
- **Human rights**
Specific rights which belong to every person
- **Local government**
The elected party who govern and make decisions for the local area
- **Protect**
To keep someone or something safe from someone/something else
- **Reuse**
To use something more than once

Previously covered:
Community (Y3), Council (Y3), Environment (Y2), Volunteer (Y2), United Nations/UN (Y3)

Economic wellbeing

- **Bank balance**
How much money is in an account after money has been put in and taken out
- **Bank statement**
Regular update on the money which has gone in and out of a bank account and shows your bank balance
- **Career**
A job in one area of work that is undertaken for a long period of time
- **Debit card**
A card used to buy things where the money is taken straight from the bank account

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Complete list

- Act of kindness
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- Authority
- Bank balance
- Bank statement
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- Reuse
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Families and relationships

- **Attributes**
Qualities or characteristics that make up someone's personality
- **Cyberbullying**
Bullying that occurs through the internet
- **Marriage**
The legal commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong
- **Secret**
Something that is not meant to be known or seen by anyone
- **Wedding**
The ceremony which celebrates the marriage of two people

Previously covered:
Bullying (Y3), Bystander (Y4)

Health and wellbeing

- **Fail**
To be unsuccessful in achieving a goal
- **Protect**
To keep someone safe from something
- **Responsibility**
Being in charge of or taking ownership of our own actions, having a duty to fulfil
- **Steps**
To do what is necessary to reach a goal

Previously covered:
Goal (Y2), Relaxation (Y2)

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Safety and the changing body

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attraction
Liking or being drawn towards someone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bladder
The organ in males and females where urine is stored before it leaves the body | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ejaculation
When the penis becomes erect and sperm come out of the body | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nipples
On the chest of males and the breast of females |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Decision
Making a choice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cervix
A ring of muscles at the bottom of a female's womb/uterus | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Erection
When the penis becomes hard and upright | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ovary/ovaries
Are found on each side of the womb and release eggs each month |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Friend
Someone you like and enjoy spending time with | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clitoris
The sensitive part of female genitals, above the urethra | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fallopian tube
The tube which connects the ovaries to the womb/uterus. Eggs travel along the tubes each month. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pubic hair
The hair found around the genitals |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Influence
To have an effect on someone's decision making | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Egg or ova
Produced by females in the ovary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Labia
The folds of skin on the external female genitals (vulva) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scrotum
The pouch which hangs behind the male's penis and contain the testes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Menstruation/period
The shedding of the uterus/lining every month | | | |

Previously covered:

Private, Puberty, Breasts, Penis, Testicles/testes, Vagina, Vulva

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Safety and the changing body (continued)

- **Sperm duct**
The tube sperm travels through
- **Urethra**
The tube in males and females which takes urine from the bladder out of the body
- **Uterus**
Another name for the womb which is the place in a female where a baby grows during pregnancy
- **Vaginal opening**
The end of the vagina which can be seen between a female's legs
- **Voice breaking**
The change in a boy's voice
- **Wet dreams**
Ejaculation which happens when a boy is asleep
- **Womb**
Another name for the uterus



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Citizenship

- **Defendant**
Qualities or characteristics that make up someone's personality
- **Freedom of expression**
Bullying that occurs through the internet
- **Government**
A group that has the authority to rule or govern over a country or state (in a democracy, people vote for those in the Government)
- **House of Commons**
Is the 'Lower House' of Parliament in the UK and is made up of MPs (Members of Parliament) that the public have voted to represent them
- **Judge**
Listens to both sides of a court case (the defence 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 chosen 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 in the House of Commons who has been elected by vote to represent people from a specific area
- **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

Previously covered:
Environment (Y2), Human rights (Y3)

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Year 5

Economic wellbeing

- **Discrimination**
Treating someone differently because of certain factors, such as the way they look or where they live
- **Expenditure**
Money going out or spent
- **Income**
Money coming in, earned or received
- **Interest**
An amount of money a bank or building society will pay for you to keep your money with them or charge you if you borrow money from them
- **Repayment**
Giving back money you have borrowed

Previously covered:
Budget (Y3), Stereotype (Y3)



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Complete list

- Attraction
- Attributes
- Bladder
- Cervix
- Clitoris
- Cyberbullying
- Decision
- Defendant
- Discrimination
- Egg/ova
- Ejaculation
- Erection
- Expenditure
- Fail
- Fallopian tube
- Freedom of expression
- Friend
- Government
- House of Commons
- Income
- Influence
- Interest
- Judge
- Jury
- Labia
- Marriage
- Member of Parliament (MP)
- Menstruation/period
- Nipples
- Ovary/ovaries
- Parliament
- Pressure group
- Prime Minister
- Protect
- Pubic hair
- Repayment
- Responsibility
- Scrotum
- Secret
- Sperm duct
- Steps
- Trial
- Urethra
- Uterus
- Vaginal opening
- Wedding
- Wet dreams
- Womb

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Year 6

Families and relationships

- **Authority**
A person with high status and decision making power
- **Conflict**
A disagreement or argument
- **Earn**
To gain something like respect by showing others that you are a good, trustworthy person
- **Expectation**
Anticipating that something will happen a certain way
- **Grief**
Feelings of sadness experienced after someone's death
- **Grieving**
A period of sadness that someone experiences when someone close to them dies
- **Resolve**
To find a solution to a problem
- **Respect**
Being thoughtful and polite towards other people, or admiring someone because of their qualities or what they have achieved

Previously covered:
Stereotype (Y1)

Health and wellbeing

- **Antibodies**
A substance that special cells in the body produce. These reduce or remove the effects of a disease germ (or its poisons)
- **Habit**
A repeated action
- **Vaccination**
An injection that gives us a very mild form of the disease and allows our bodies to develop antibodies to protect us from that disease

Previously covered:
Growth mindset (Y2), Qualities (Y1), Responsibility (Y5), Skill (Y2)

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Year 6

Safety and the changing body

- **Alcohol**
Alcohol is an active ingredient found in alcoholic drinks such as wine and beer and plays a social role within some cultures. Most countries regulate the production and sale of alcoholic beverages, because too much can be toxic to the human body and cause health problems including addiction or cancer of the liver.
- **Internet trolling**
Someone who posts rude, inappropriate or unkind things online with the purpose of upsetting others
- **Pregnant**
When a woman has a baby developing in her womb

Sex education

- **Conception**
Another word for fertilisation
- **Fertilisation**
When a male sperm joins a female egg and a baby starts to grow
- **Sexual intercourse**
Where a male inserts his penis into the female's vagina
- **Sperm**
The male sex cell made in the testicles

Previously covered:

Bladder (Y5), Breasts (Y4), Cervix (Y5), Clitoris (Y5), Cyberbullying (Y3), Egg or ova (Y5), Ejaculation (Y5), Erection (Y5), Fallopian tube (Y5), Genitals (Y5), Labia, Menstruation/period (Y5), Nipples (Y5), Ovary/ovaries (Y5), Penis (Y2), Puberty (Y5), Pubic hair (Y5), Scrotum (Y5), Sperm duct (Y5), Testicles/testes (Y2), Urethra (Y5), Uterus (Y5), Vagina (Y2), Vaginal opening (Y5), Voice breaking (Y5), Vulva (Y2), Wet dreams (Y5), Womb (Y5)

RSE & PSHE vocabulary

Year 6

Citizenship

- **Authority**
A person with high status and decision making power
- **Conflict**
A disagreement or argument
- **Earn**
To gain something like respect by showing others that you are a good, trustworthy person
- **Expectation**
Anticipating that something will happen a certain way
- **Grief**
Feelings of sadness experienced after someone's death
- **Grieving**
A period of sadness that someone experiences when someone close to them dies
- **Protected characteristics**
Personal characteristics such as your age, gender or religion. Under the law, you are protected if you are discriminated against because of one of these characteristics.
- **Resolve**
To find a solution to a problem
- **Respect**
Being thoughtful and polite towards other people, or admiring someone because of their qualities or what they have achieved

Previously covered:
Stereotype (Y1)

Economic wellbeing

- **Gambling**
A risk where money or something else is swapped in the hope of winning something/money
- **PIN**
Personal Identification Number. A private set of numbers used to access a bank account.

Previously covered:
Growth mindset (Y2), Qualities (Y1), Responsibility (Y5), Skill (Y2)

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Complete list

Sex education

- Alcohol
- Authority
- Concern
- Conflict
- Discrimination
- Earn
- Expectation
- Gambling
- Grief
- Grieving
- Habit
- Internet trolling
- Ministers
- PIN
- Pregnant
- Prejudice
- Protected characteristics
- Resolve
- Vaccination
- Conception
- Fertilisation
- Pregnant
- Sexual intercourse
- Sperm

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