



The following pages describe the content of the principal religions to be covered at each stage. Schools will clearly only need to select the particular religions which they are studying in depth. Where pupils are studying a religion in order to acquaint them with that religion, staff should select material from the appropriate key stage.

The material is set out in strands, so that it can be matched with the programme of study, and be used to fulfill the objectives in the programme of study. There is also provided a specialist vocabulary list of some thirty-five words or phrases for each of the four religions. Pupils are not expected to know all of this vocabulary. Instead, by the end of each key stage most pupils should know and be able to use the specialist vocabulary only in religions selected for study in depth. This will be Christianity and at least one other religion.

In addition to words which are specific to particular religions, pupils should also know and be able to use a large number of generic words. These words are often helpful when discussing religious ideas and beliefs. Below is listed some forty generic words. Although these are listed in key stages this is only an approximation. Schools may well wish to introduce some of these words in key stages earlier than suggested. Some words may be introduced in a later key stage.

Generic Specialist Vocabulary

KS1	God	Belonging	Sign	Share
	Pray	Good	Celebrate	Religion
	Prayer	Bad	Special	True
	Festival	Nice	Holy	Truth
	Belong	Naughty	Care	Meaning

KS2	Belief	Ritual	Worship	Rules
	Believe	Sacred	Faith	Just
	Symbol	Evil	Commitment	Fair
	Sacrifice	Scripture	Revealed	Peace
	Ceremony	Pilgrimage	Value	

