

Expert Vocabulary

Religion: Believing and worshipping a superhuman power e.g. God or gods

Superhuman: A being that is more powerful than a human that can do things a human cannot do

Census - An official count of a group of people that happens every 10 years

Local area - The area near to where we live e.g. Leeds/ Bradford

Worldview - How a person thinks and sees the world

Organised worldview: how an organised group sees the world e.g. Church of England

Personal worldview: How an individual sees the world

Theist: someone who believes in God

Atheist: a worldview that involves not believing in God

Agnostic: a worldview that involves being unsure about the possible existence of God

What makes a religion?

Ninian Smart said there are 7 dimensions or factors that make a religion

1. Ritual - the actions people do e.g. prayer
2. Narrative - the stories people tell e.g. the nativity
3. Doctrinal - the teachings/ holy books e.g. the Qur'an
4. Ethics - the rules e.g. the 10 commandments
5. Social - how do people group together e.g. Sunni and Shi'a Muslims
6. Material - objects that people use e.g. prayer beads, statues, menorah

How do we know there is religion in the local area?

- Buildings e.g. churches/mosque
- Festivals celebrated
- Shops e.g. halal / kosher butchers
- Dress e.g. turban (Sikh), hijab (Muslim)

We can look at the census for information. The 2021 census tells us that Christianity is the largest religion in Bradford and that Islam is the second largest. There has been an increase in people who have non- religious views

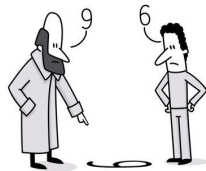
Nationally and Globally Christianity is the biggest of the world faiths however the number of non-religious worldviews nationally is growing

What is a worldview?

The way a person sees the world according to their own situation and experiences is called a worldview.

Worldviews can be influenced by many factors e.g.

- Religion
- Friends
- Family
- Social meeting
- Geographical area
- Historical time we live in



Different types of worldview

Theistic - believes that God exists. Looks at evidence from holy books, creation of the world, idea suffering is a test

Secular - a worldview that is not based on religious ideas looks at scientific ideas e.g. Big Bang for creation, idea that evil and suffering means God cannot exist

How do worldviews influence actions?

People's actions are influenced by what they believe and the experiences they have

E.g. Malala saw that the Taliban was restricting the right for education for girls and so campaigned for it.

Marcus Rashford grew up in poverty so campaigned for free school meals