

20 X REVISION TOPIC CARDS

DEVOLUTION OF POWER

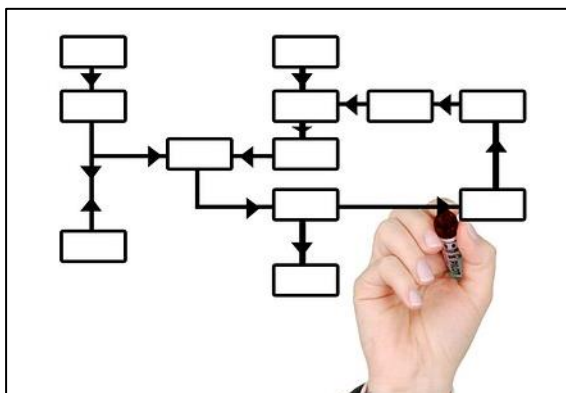
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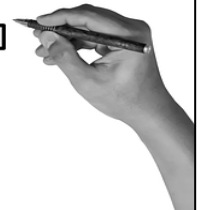
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NEW KEY TERM

Devolution of Power

DEVOLUTION

It involves the delegation or decentralization of power. It is the term employed to describe the transfer of power in the UK downwards from central government to Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Transfer of power

In a sentence:

The advantages of **devolution** are that local people can make better decisions to benefit their own local area.

Exam technique:

What might be the disadvantages to devolution?
What issues would be inappropriate to devolve?
What does the term sovereignty mean?

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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Is the devolved national (unicameral) legislature of Scotland. Located in Holyrood area of Edinburgh and it was founded in 1999

Draw a picture

Synonym:

National Parliament

In a sentence:

The **Scottish Parliament** elects 129 Members of Scottish Parliament (MSP's) to serve 4 year terms in parliament. They are able to make new laws on devolved issues..

Exam technique:

What voting system is used to elect MSP's?
What powers does the Scottish Parliament have?
What was the Scotland Act 2012?

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WELSH ASSEMBLY

The devolved national assembly (legislature) for Wales. This was set up in 1998 following a referendum on devolution.

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Synonym:

National Assembly

In a sentence:

The **Welsh Assembly** has powers to control education, health, tourism, local government, highways and transport, welsh language and culture, fire safety

Exam technique:

What voting system does the Welsh Assembly use?
What extra powers might the Welsh Assembly wish to have devolved?
What powers do they currently have?

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

The devolved national assembly (legislature) for Northern Ireland. It was set up in 1998 but has often been suspended because of disagreements among Irish politicians and Northern Irish political parties

Draw a picture

Synonym:

National Assembly

In a sentence:

This devolved Northern Ireland assembly has powers to control education, health, local government policing and justice.

Exam technique:

What powers does the Northern Ireland Assembly have?
Why does it keep getting suspended?
Why did the DUP do a deal with the Conservative party recently?

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GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT

This is an agreement to have a power sharing arrangement in the Northern Ireland Assembly between the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) and Sinn Fein

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Synonym:

Peace deal

In a sentence:

The **Good Friday Agreement** condemned terrorist acts, released paramilitary prisoners, reformed the police and allowed a coalition style government to lead Northern Ireland

Exam technique:

How did this agreement help to bring peace?
What are the main two parties in Northern Ireland?
What were the Northern Ireland 'troubles'?

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DECENTRALISATION

Power is taken from central government and put into the hands of local decision makers and organisations e.g Local Government

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Synonym:

Devolution

In a sentence:

Decentralisation intensifies and improves local development, better ensures the rights of the local population to have a voice in government, and better protects minorities

Exam technique:

What are the advantages of decentralisation?
What are the disadvantages of decentralisation?
How do schools decentralize power?

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ENGLISH VOTES FOR ENGLISH LAWS

English MP's only are allowed to vote on laws that impact England and have an opportunity to Veto them. The speaker will have to certify whether EVEL applies to a bill

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Synonym:

EVEL

In a sentence:

Bills that have the **EVEL** approval will still follow a similar procedure to become a law by passing through both houses.

Exam technique:

Why was EVEL introduced?
EVEL has been criticised as creating two tier MP's. Why?
What does the term 'West Lothian principle' mean?

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SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM 2014

In 2014 Scottish people were given a referendum on whether Scotland should be an independent country 55% voted against it and 45% voted for it. Scotland remained as part of the United Kingdom

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Referendum

In a sentence:

During the **Scottish Referendum** the Scottish National Party supported Independence and the turnout was 85%.

Exam technique:

What are the arguments for Scottish independence?
What are the arguments against Scottish independence and keeping the United Kingdom together?

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GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Is the name given for local government in London. It has responsibilities for policing, transport, housing, business and the economy amongst many others. It also scrutinises the work of the London Mayor.

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Synonym:

GLA – Local government (London)

In a sentence:

The **GLA** is the first tier of local government in London which then has a second tier made up of borough councils

Exam technique:

What local responsibilities will borough councils have?
What responsibilities does the GLA have?
Who is the current mayor of London?

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BIG SOCIETY

A radical proposal by the Conservatives for greater powers to be devolved away from national and local governments and given to businesses, charities and, community groups.

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Synonym:

Transferring Responsibility

In a sentence:

Many citizens were sceptical about the '**Big Society**' idea as they thought it was just a way for the Government to save money.

Exam technique:

What could the benefits of the 'Big Society' be?
Why might the 'Big Society' idea not work in practice?

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS

They are elected officials in 43 force areas across England and Wales. The role of the PCCs is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. They are responsible for the totality of policing.

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Synonym:

PCC's

In a sentence:

PCCs ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible, and are improving local relationships through building confidence and restoring trust.

Exam technique:

What is a PCC?
What aims do the PCC's have?
Who is your local Police and Crime Commissioner?

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RESERVED POWERS

The issues on which only the UK parliament can make laws. These often involve national security and are of high importance to the UK

Draw a picture

Synonym:

not devolved

In a sentence:

Some **reserved powers** of the UK include National taxation, Defence policy, constitution, foreign affairs and national security

Exam technique:

Why might it be wrong to devolve these powers?
What issues have been devolved?
Name other issues that remain as reserved powers?

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DEVOLVED POWERS

The issues (policy areas) on which the Scottish Parliament and the assemblies of Wales and Northern Ireland can legislate their own laws or amend existing laws and policy.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Not reserved

In a sentence:

The Scotland Act of 2012 allowed Scotland to be given further **devolved powers** from the UK parliament

Exam technique:

Why might it be right to devolve these powers?
What issues have been devolved?
Name other policy areas that remain with Westminster?

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PUBLIC SERVICES DELIVERED BY LOCAL COUNCILS

A collection of services that a council (or other public sector body) in the UK provides to or on behalf of those who live, work and pass through the area for which they are responsible.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Local services

In a sentence:

Local public services are usually provided because of a power (legal right) a (legal) duty or or at the request of someone (planning application)

Exam technique:

What public services are provided in your area by the council?
What is the name of your local council?
How might government austerity cuts impact councils service provision?

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PLAID CYMRU

A social-democratic political party in Wales advocating for Welsh independence from the United Kingdom within the European Union

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Synonym:

Welsh political party

In a sentence:

Plaid Cymru was formed in 1925 and won its first seat in the UK Parliament in the 1960's

Exam technique:

What are some of the policies of this political party?
Can you name the main political parties that represent Scotland (1) and Northern Ireland (2)?

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SCOTLAND ACT 2012

This piece of legislation gave more powers to the Scottish parliament. Including the transfer of some significant financial powers

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Synonym:

Act of devolution

In a sentence:

The Scotland Act 2012 allowed Scotland to have full control of stamp duty, land tax and the power to introduce new taxes and increase the borrowing power of the Scottish government.

Exam technique:

Why do some people in Scotland want more devolved powers?
What extra powers were devolved under this act?
What does the term "devo-max" mean?

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Controlled by councillors and elections for local authorities use first past the post system. Councils have responsibility for things such as children and families, social care, public health, libraries, strategic planning etc

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Synonym:

Local council

In a sentence:

Other responsibilities of **the local authority** include local planning, parks and leisure, rubbish collection and recycling, food hygiene and pest control, voting and elections

Exam technique:

What is a local Authority?
What responsibilities do local authorities have?
How might government funding cuts to LA budgets impact them?

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#INDYREF2

The informal shorthand term for describing the demand for a second referendum on Scottish independence. Calls for this have increased since the UK's Brexit result in which Scotland voted to remain.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

Independence Referendum

In a sentence:

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon wants to ask for permission to hold another referendum on Scottish independence known as the **#indyref2**

Exam technique:

What are some people calling for a second referendum?
In light of the Brexit result do you believe #indyref2 needs to happen?
Is a referendum the right way to resolve a complicated issue?

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BREXIT

A term for the potential or hypothetical departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union. The term means 'Britain's exit from the European Union'.

Draw a picture

Synonym:

British Exit

In a sentence:

Leave won by 51.9% to 48.1%. The **Brexit** referendum turnout was 71.8%, with more than 30 million people voting

Exam technique:

Is a referendum the right way to resolve a complicated issue?
What are the pro-Brexit arguments?
Why do many people want to remain in the European Union?

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PARISH COUNCILS

Consist of a group of people who are elected to make decisions for their parish and make a range of decisions that impact their local communities including planning, managing open spaces and crime.

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Synonym:

N/A

In a sentence:

Parish Councils are elected corporate bodies, have variable tax raising powers, and are responsible for areas known as civil parishes, serving in total 16 million people

Exam technique:

What other forms of local government exist in the UK?
What does a Parish Council do?
What are the advantages of devolving powers to local government?

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CITIZENSHIP

How can this resource be used?



1. Students discuss and complete the exam questions in pairs

2. Cut them out, hide them around the room and allow students to create links between the different key terms when they are found

3. Cut the key terms in half and create a matching exercise. Print in black and white to make more difficult

4. Use as literacy support for weaker students or use as mini extensions for the most able students

5. Use as revision for topics and as vocabulary hints for extended written responses

6. Upload to your secure online virtual learning environment for students to revise from

7. Revision for vocabulary spelling tests

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