

Chapter 5 Words Matter – Vocabulary and Definitions

Word	Text Definition	My Definition	Symbol or Image or example
Bylaw	Laws that are passed by a local government		
Motion	Is an idea or proposal discussed and voted on at a meeting		
Councillor	Person elected to local government		
Council	Is a group of elected representatives who make decisions for a local area		
Forum	Is a meeting place where public discussions		
Municipal Area	Is a region that has its own local government		
Municipal District	Is a rural area that has its own local government		
Urban	Are places like cities, towns and villages		
Rural	Municipal district and counties		
Advisory Committees	Groups of concerned citizens and members of government. They give advice to the council.		
Departments of Govern.	In a local gov. departments provide various kinds of services to the community		
Civil Servants	People hired to run or work in the gov. departments.		
Ballot	Piece of paper used for voting that lists the names of the candidates		
Nominate	Identify a person as a possible candidate for an elected position		
Petition	A written request that contains the signatures of people who support its content		
Superintendent	Is responsible for running the schools in a jurisdiction.		
Budget	List of items that show how much money will be spent on each item		
Trustee	Person who serves on a school board		