

# What and why

Our aim is to help you in your approach and understanding of academic material in any subject and gain more confidence.

**All of the words used will appear on GCSE exam papers.**

***This week's word is...***

**Status**

**[stey-tuh s]**

# Status

## Synonyms

condition

place

position

prestige

prominence

quality

rating

situation

stature

caliber

character

footing

grade

renown

standing

state

worth

## Origin of the word

First recorded usage dates to  
around 1665 - 1675

Latin: the condition of standing,  
stature, status, equivalent  
to *sta-* (variant stem  
of *stāre* to stand) + *-tus* suffix  
of v. action

# Status

## *noun*

the position of an individual in relation to another or others, especially in regard to social or professional standing.

state or condition of affairs: *Arbitration has failed to change the status of the disagreement.*

*Law.* the standing of a person before the law.

## *adjective*

conferring or believed to confer elevated status: *a status car; a status job.*

# Status

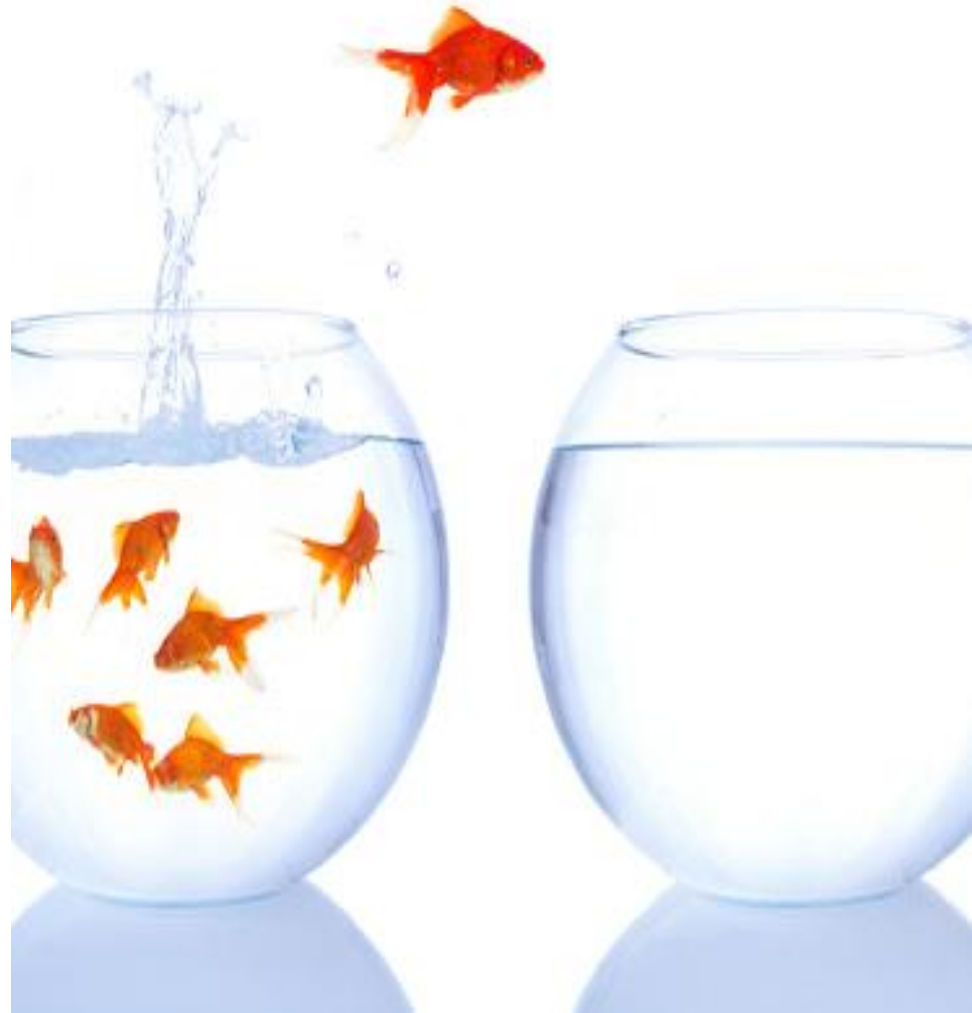
## Derived terms:

**Status quo** – a Latin phrase meaning the existing state of affairs, particularly with regard to social or political issues. In other words, it is the way things currently are or stand.

**Status symbol** - a visible possession that is a sign of one's personal wealth or social status. A flash or expensive car for example.

# Status quo

CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO!





# Status symbols – then and now

## **EIGHTIES STATUS SYMBOLS**

1. A car phone
2. A dishwasher
3. Children at private or boarding school
4. Two cars
5. Holidays abroad
6. A conservatory
7. A pony
8. A colour TV
9. Diamond jewellery
10. A cordless phone

## **STATUS SYMBOLS TODAY**

1. A high performance car
2. A designer watch
3. Swimming pool at home
4. Flying in first or business class
5. A second home or more
6. Tennis courts at home
7. Children at private or boarding school
8. A holiday home abroad
9. A home with electric gates
10. A nanny



# SOCIAL STATUS



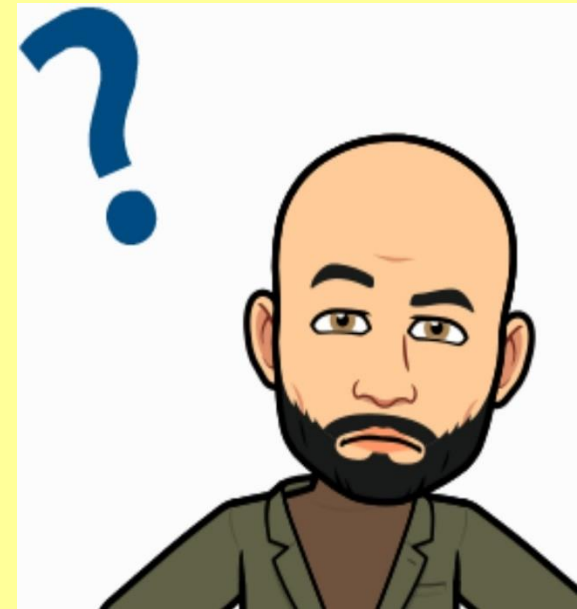
In sociology or anthropology, social status is the honor or prestige attached to one's position in society (one's social position). It may also refer to a rank or position that one holds in a group, for example son or daughter, playmate, pupil, etc.(1)

# What is your status?

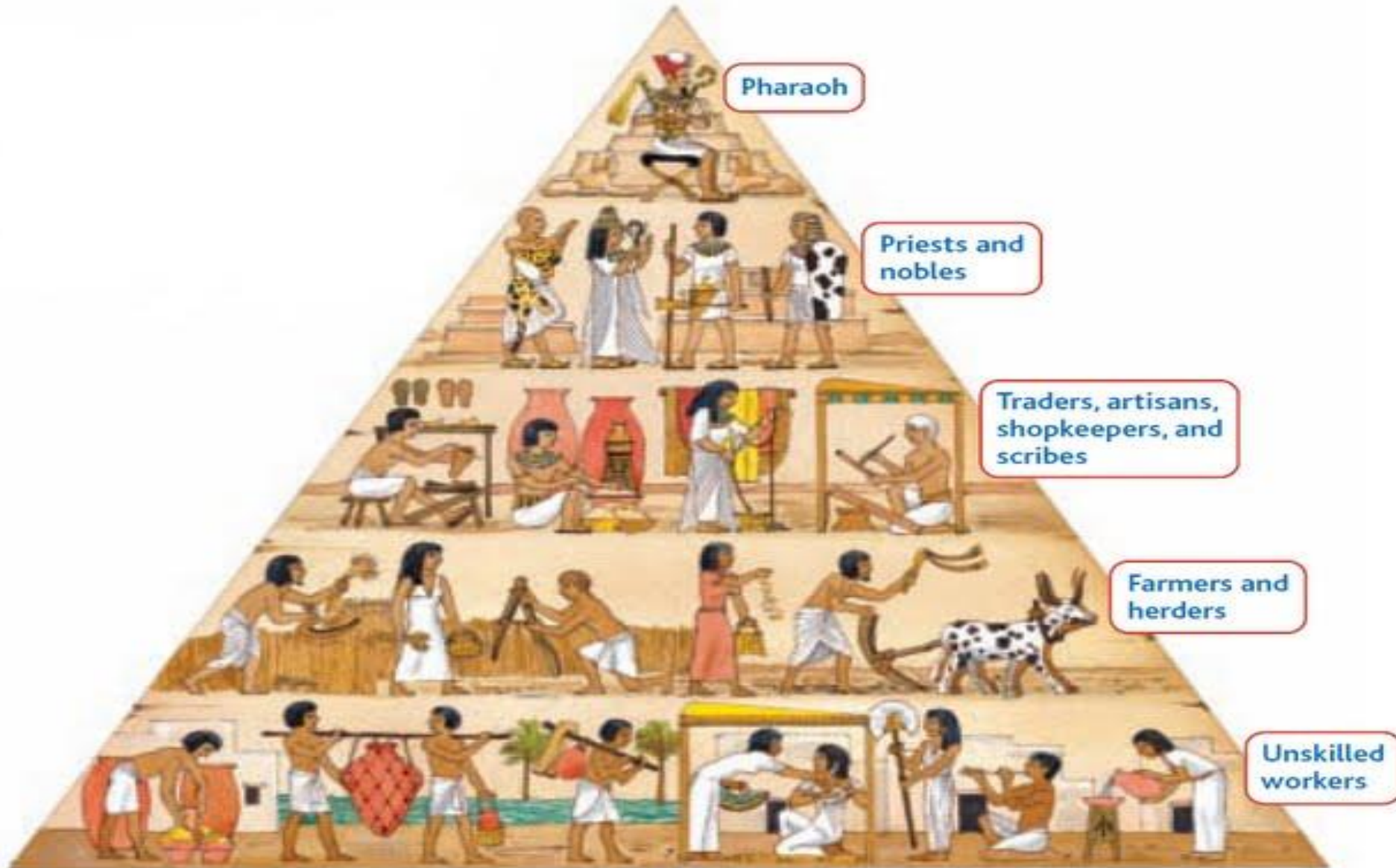
Think about your position within school, family and friends. What is your status within each group?

What will your status in society be?

Does it matter?

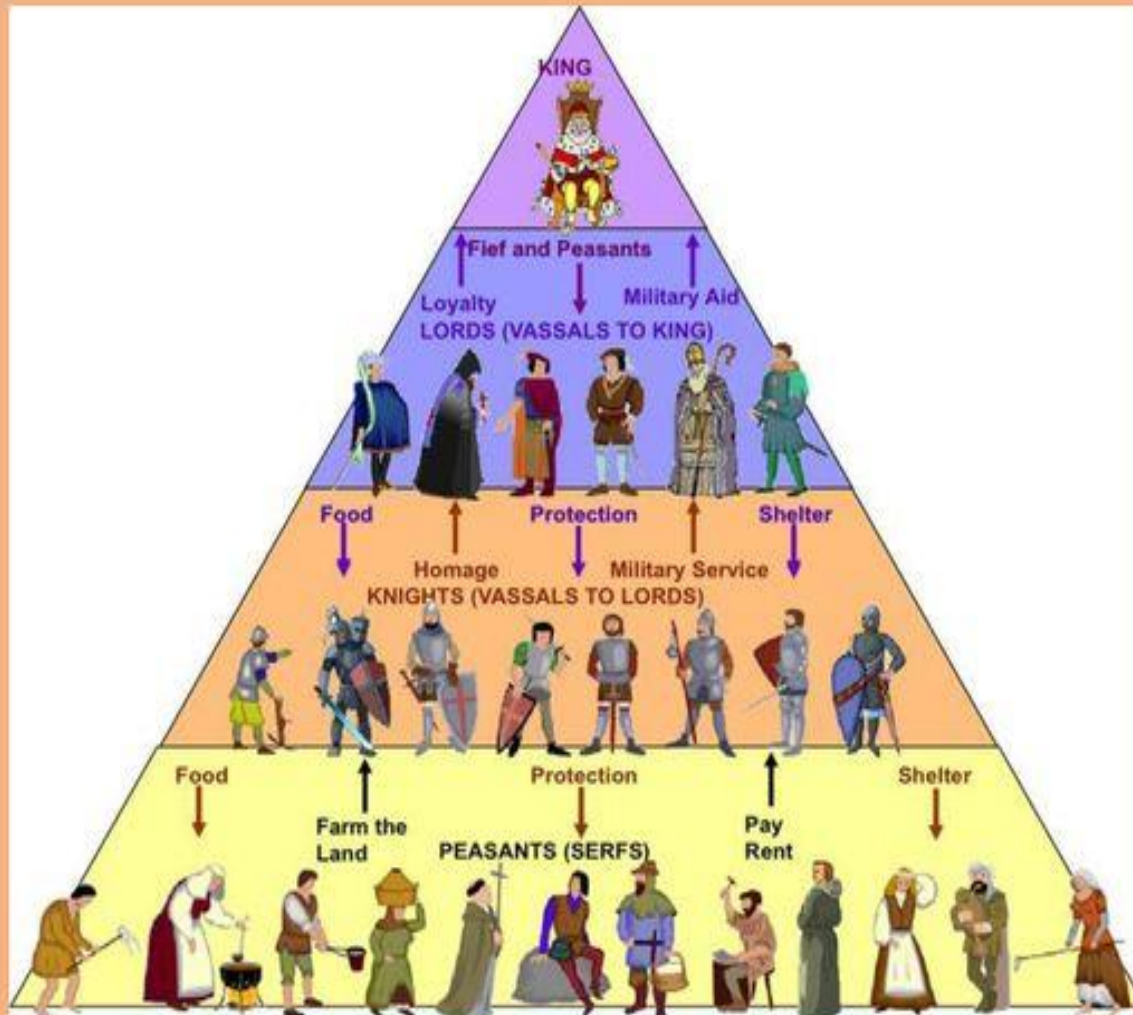


# Egyptian status





Style of dress in the 1300s indicated your social status.



- Rich
- Middle-Class
- Poor

# Status

Does how we dress inform others about our status?

Does wearing a suit improve your perceived status?

If an adult wears trainers and tracksuits, does that lower their perceived status?

Do you judge a person's status on what they are wearing?\*

\*You do. We all do.

# Status update

A Facebook (or any other) status tells the world what our current status is. It is a display of our current standing in regard to all manner of aspects and subjects.

Think about the last 'status' that you shared.

## What did it inform others about you?

How might it have altered their perception of your status?



Use the word '**Psychology**' to earn points!

Use the word of the week in your writing or in your discussions in class to earn points!

