Definitions:
1: Serious and very important; affecting the most central and important parts of something
2: central; forming the necessary basis of something

Etymology and historical meaning of the term fundamental:

late Middle English: from French *fondamental*, or late Latin *fundamentalis*, from Latin *fundamentum*, from *fundare* 'to found'.

fundamental

Different ways to use the word:

Verbs: be, seem, remain
Adverbs: really, truly, very
Preposition: to, for

Used in a sentence:

• the ***fundamental principles*** of scientific method
• *You have a **fundamental right** to privacy.*
• *a **fundamental question/problem/issue***
• *a question of fundamental importance*
• *This principle is absolutely fundamental.*

Questions:
- How does this link with the theme of the week: **'democracy'**
- Can you think of any synonyms for the word fundamental
- Could you use words of the same family (verbs, nouns) in sentences?
- In which subjects could you use this word?