

Academic Vocabulary Glossary - All Grades

X = Introduce X = Develop X = Master

Verb	Definition	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Analyze	To break something down into its parts					X	X	X
Cite	To support an idea or opinion by referring to sources						X	X
Clarify	To make something easier to understand	X	X	X				
Classify/ Categorize	Classify: To sort into groups based on shared qualities Categorize: To put classified items into smaller groups with labels					X	X	X
Compare/ Contrast	To find similarity and difference			X	X	X		
Comprehend	To understand or find meaning	X	X	X	X			
Delineate	To describe in detail							X
Demonstrate	To show clearly	X	X	X				
Describe	To tell the facts or details	X	X	X				
Determine	To decide		X	X	X			
Develop	To elaborate or expand	X	X	X				
Distinguish	To set apart		X	X	X			
Draw	To take or pull out	X	X	X	X			
Elaborate	To give more detail on a topic or idea			X	X	X		
Evaluate	To judge or find the value				X	X	X	X
Explain	To make clear or define		X	X	X			
Identify	To find or point out	X X	X X					
Infer	To conclude or understand on the basis of evidence, logic and/or reasoning				X	X	X	X
Interpret	To explain the meaning of						X	X
Locate	To find				X	X	X	
Organize	To arrange into groups or categories				X	X	X	
Paraphrase	To reword something written or spoken while preserving the original meaning					X	X	X
Recognize	To identify what you have seen before; to know; to find	X X	X X					
Recount	To tell or write in detail about an event or experience in order		X	X	X			
Refer	To mention or cite					X	X	X
Retell	To tell in own words, sequentially	X	X	X				
Suggest	To offer or give an idea			X X X				
Summarize	To make a brief statement that includes the main points about a topic, text, or idea			X	X	X		

Support	To hold up or uphold	X	X	X				
Synthesize	To combine or bring together into a logical whole						X	X
Trace	To outline or follow the course of							X

Noun	Definition	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Alliteration	Words in a row with the same initial consonant sound				X	X	X	
Argument	Reason or logic to show that the writer's position or conclusion is valid			X	X	X		
Cause/Effect	Cause: the reason why something happens Effect: the result				X	X	X	
Central Idea/ Main Idea	A concept or idea that is central to a text or section of a text		X	X	X			
Claim	A statement as part of an argument that can be supported with evidence			X	X	X		
Conclusions	Judgements or decisions based on reason (arguments, texts, experiments, etc.)			X	X	X		
Connections	Relating what you read to something else you know	X	X	X				
Figurative Language	Non-literal (sensory or symbolic) language that helps a reader understand meaning in a text (simile, metaphor, personification)				X	X	X	
Details/Key Details	Isolated facts that support ideas	X	X	X				
Evidence	Facts, figures, details, quotations, or other sources of data and information that provide support for claims or an analysis and that can be evaluated by others			X	X	X		
Explicit	Full, clearly expressed and precise					X	X	X
Illustrations	Visual material used to clarify or add to a text	X	X	X				
Metaphors/ Similes	Metaphor: An indirect comparison Simile: A direct comparison using like or as					XX	XX	
Opinion	A feeling or preference	X	X	X				
Perspective	A particular way of viewing, or an attitude toward, something				X	X	X	
Point of View	The position or perspective conveyed or represented by an author, narrator, speaker, or character		X	X	X			
Stanza	A poetry term for paragraph; a section of a poem				X	X	X	
Structure	Organization of a text			X	X	X	X	

Theme	A message or moral of a text; themes often explore timeless and universal ideas and are almost always implied rather than stated explicitly		X	X	X			
Tone/Mood	Tone: the author's attitude or outlook Mood: the way the author makes the reader feel				X	X	X	