

Vocabulary Words

Grade Level	Word	Definition
K	ABC order	Words put in alphabetical order
K	ABC's	The alphabet
K	activities	Things that people spend time doing.
K	added	To unite or combine
K	additional	more; added
K	adjective	A word that describes someone or something. Example: beautiful, green
K	adventures	A trip or activity that is dangerous or exciting.
K	alphabet	A character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
K	animals	A living creature that is not a plant or a human.
K	answer	What you say or write after someone asks you a question; a reply.
K	ask	To put a question to someone for information about something.
K	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
K	author	A person who writes books, stories, or plays
K	back	The side opposite the front or located behind the front
K	beginning sound	The first sound you hear in a word
K	beginning, middle, end	The first part of something, the central part of something, and the last part of something.
K	between	The area inside two points or objects.
K	blend	To add together so that there no longer seem to be separate parts.
K	book	Text that gives information, or explanation about something
K	book title	A name given to a book
K	bottom	The opposite of top; the lowest part of something.
K	brainstorm	A sudden plan or idea
K	capital/capitalize	A big letter in the alphabet often used on the first letter of a word at the beginning of a sentence, or the first letter of the name of a person or place.
K	cause	Identifies the "why" of an event
K	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
K	choose	To pick from a group
K	collaborate	Working together toward a common goal.
K	combine	To bring or join together into a whole.
K	community workers	People that provide a service in your neighborhood, such as teachers, firemen, doctors.
K	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
K	compose	To create or write
K	computer	An electronic machine that is used to store, sort, and work with information at a high speed.

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K	conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
K	connection	A relationship or association.
K	content	Whatever is held or contained in something.
K	conversation	An exchange of ideas between two or more people
K	cooperate	To work with other people for a common purpose.
K	count	To give each thing in a group a number to learn how many there are.
K	cover	Something that you put on something else to protect it.
K	depict	To show, describe, or portray in a painting, sculpture, or written work.
K	describe	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
K	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
K	describing words	Words that explain with details; adjectives.
K	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
K	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
K	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
K	direction	How to do something or how to get somewhere
K	dislike	To have a feeling of not liking; have objections to.
K	draw/drawing	To make a picture with a pen, pencil, or other writing tool.
K	ending sound	The last sound you hear in a word
K	events	Something that happens
K	exclamation point	A punctuation mark ! used chiefly after an exclamation to show a forceful way of speaking or a strong feeling
K	excuse me	To ask to be forgiven
K	experiences	Things that a person has done or lived through.
K	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
K	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
K	fable	A short story with a moral (lesson), often with animal characters
K	fact	A statement that can be proven
K	familiar	Known by many people; easily recognized.
K	favorite	Liked over all others.
K	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
K	first	Before all others in time or place.
K	first, then, next	What happens at the start, what happens after that.
K	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
K	font	The size, style, and design of text

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K	front	The position or place at the head or beginning.
K	front cover	The covering at the beginning of a book.
K	gather/collect	To bring together into one place
K	group	To put with other items that are similar; classify. Also means, a collection of people in one place.
K	happen	To take place; occur.
K	happened	Took place; occurred.
K	happening	Is taking place; or occurring
K	hear	To receive sound with the ears.
K	help	To do part of the work for someone.
K	how	In what way?
K	ideas	Any thought or picture formed in the mind.
K	identify	To figure out or show who someone is or what something is.
K	illustrated by	The person who drew the pictures used in a book
K	illustration	A picture or drawing used to explain or decorate a book or other written material.
K	illustrator	The person who drew the pictures used in a book
K	important	Having great meaning or value.
K	individual	A single thing or person
K	inform	To tell, give the facts
K	information	Knowledge or facts that come from a source.
K	inside voice	To be quieter then when you play outside
K	interrupting	To begin to speak before someone else has finished speaking.
K	key	Main; primary; essential.
K	keyboard	The rows of letters and numbers you use to make digital text on a computer.
K	know/known	To have information in your mind that comes from what you have learned or can see.
K	last	Coming after or behind all others.
K	learn	To get knowledge about something through study or experience.
K	left	Being on the side of the body where the heart is.
K	letters	The written form of a sound
K	like	To find pleasure in; enjoy.
K	listen	To pay attention to what can be heard.
K	listen carefully	Pay close attention to what you are hearing
K	loudly	Having a high volume of sound.
K	lowercase	A letter of the alphabet, having a form smaller than the upper-case or capitalized form.

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K	magazine	A type of thin book with large pages and a paper cover which contains articles and photographs and is published every week or month
K	main	Most important
K	main event	The most important thing that happens
K	matching	to be alike in some way, such as size or color.
K	meaning	what is meant by a word; definition.
K	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.
K	message	spoken or written information sent from one person or group to another.
K	more	a greater number, amount, or degree.
K	mouse	a small device used with computers to choose and move things on the computer screen.
K	name	a word or group of words by which something or someone is known by.
K	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
K	new word	a word that hasn't been used before
K	nouns	A word that names a person, place, or thing.
K	onset	the early stage; beginning.
K	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
K	opposite	Two things that are completely different
K	order	To arrange or organize in a certain way
K	page	One side of a sheet of printed or written paper.
K	paragraph	A group of sentences about the same topic
K	partner	a person who shares in an activity with another person.
K	parts	A piece of a whole
K	peers	a person of the same rank, age group, or ability as another person; equal.
K	people	human beings; more than one person.
K	period (punctuation)	A punctuation mark (.) used to mark the end of a sentence
K	person	A human being.
K	phoneme	One of a small set of speech sounds that are distinguished by the speakers of a particular language
K	picture	A painting, drawing, or photograph.
K	place	A certain location or spot.
K	plural	A word form used to indicate more than one
K	poem	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
K	point to	To aim your finger in the direction of
K	points (statements)	The meaning or purpose of a statement or action.

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K	PowerPoint	A software program which allows users to create slideshow presentations
K	prediction	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
K	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
K	presented	Shown.
K	presenting	The act of showing, displaying, explaining, introducing etc.
K	print	printed letters; text.
K	problem	Something that needs to be solved or fixed
K	procedure	a series of steps that must be taken in order to do something.
K	produce	To put together and present for the public to enjoy.
K	publish	To prepare and issue (printed material) for public distribution or sale
K	punctuation	Question marks, periods, and other marks used in writing to help make the meaning clear.
K	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
K	put together	Added to form a whole
K	question mark	A punctuation symbol (?) written at the end of a sentence or phrase to indicate a direct question
K	questions	A sentence that needs an answer
K	reaction	An action or response to something that has happened or has been done.
K	read	To speak aloud or in your mind something written; recite.
K	reasons	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
K	recall	To bring a past event into your mind.
K	recognize	To know from earlier experience.
K	relationship	A connection of some kind.
K	remember	To bring into your mind from your memory.
K	repeat	To say again
K	report	To tell about what happened
K	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
K	respond	To answer or give a reply in some way.
K	retell	To tell again or in another form
K	rhyme	Words that have the same ending sound
K	riddle	A question that tries to trick you
K	right	The side of the body opposite the heart.
K	same	Exactly alike; not at all different.
K	segment	One of the parts into which something is or can be separated.
K	senses	Any of five ways to understand or experience one's surroundings using touch, smell, taste, sight, or hearing.

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K	sentence	A group of words that makes sense
K	sentence frame	A sentence that has blank spots for you to add your own words.
K	sentence starter	Words used to begin a sentence
K	separated	To set apart or keep apart.
K	sequence	A pattern or process in which one thing follows another.
K	setting/place	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
K	share/sharing	To communicate.
K	show	To let someone see
K	sight word	Common words that a reader should recognize when seen.
K	similar	being almost the same as something else.
K	similarities	The quality of being alike
K	singular	The form that indicates only one
K	solution	An answer to or explanation of a problem.
K	solve	To find or figure out an answer to.
K	sort	To put into groups.
K	sound	Anything people hear with their ears.
K	sources	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
K	space	An empty place used to separate words.
K	speaking	Saying words; talking
K	spell	To use the letters of the alphabet to form words
K	steps	Directions to follow one at a time.
K	story	A report of events that really happened or are imaginary.
K	storybook	A book of stories.
K	suggestion	An idea or opinion that is offered
K	support	To provide proof or evidence for
K	syllables	The number of sound chunks in a word
K	take apart	To separate into its pieces or parts.
K	take turns	Used to describe a fair way that two or more people can share in an activity intended for one person only. One person does it then the next gets to do it.
K	talk	To say things to someone
K	tell	to express in spoken or written words.
K	text	Words that appear in anything written or printed.
K	thing	An object.
K	think	To use your mind to consider ideas or decisions

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K	time	A moment or moments as shown on a clock or calendar.
K	title	The name of a book or story
K	title page	A page of a book displaying the title and author and publisher
K	took away	Removed
K	toolbar	A row of icons on a computer screen that activate commands or functions when clicked
K	top	located in the highest place or position.
K	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
K	typing	To write using a machine such as a computer.
K	understand	to get the meaning, nature, or importance of.
K	unknown	not known; not familiar.
K	unknown word	Words that you are not familiar with; words that you don't know.
K	uppercase	A capital letter
K	verb	A word that expresses action or a state of being
K	visual display	Pictures, photographs, drawings that are added to provide detail
K	vocabulary	A group of words that a person knows or should know
K	vowel	A, E, I, O, U, and sometimes Y
K	what	A word used in a question to get information about something. Ex. What time is it?
K	when	At what time
K	where	At, in, or to what place
K	who	A word used in a question to ask about someone. Ex. Who ate all the cookies?
K	whole word	All of a word, with each of it's sound chunks.
K	why	A word used in a question to ask about the reason for something. Ex. Why did you go to the store?
K	word	A set of sounds or letters that have meaning.
K	working together	
K	write/writing	To use a pen or pencil to to make words, letters or numbers.
K	written by	The Author; the person who wrote it.

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1	accurate/accuracy	Free from mistakes or error; flawless
1	adjective	A word that describes someone or something. Example: beautiful, green
1	adventures	A trip or activity that is dangerous or exciting.
1	advertisement	a notice in the paper, on a poster, on tv etc, about a job or things for sale.
1	answer	What you say or write after someone asks you a question; a reply.
1	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
1	article	A written piece often found in a newspaper or magazine
1	ask	To put a question to someone for information about something.
1	author	A person who writes books, stories, or plays
1	author's voice	The style in which a story is presented.
1	beginning	The first part of something; starting point
1	blend	To add together so that there no longer seem to be separate parts.
1	capital/capitalize	A big letter in the alphabet often used on the first letter of a word at the beginning of a sentence, or the first letter of the name of a person or place.
1	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
1	clarify	To make something easier to understand
1	clue	Something that helps to solve a problem or mystery.
1	collect	To gather together.
1	comma	a punctuation mark, used chiefly to show separation of words or word groups within a sentence
1	command	To order or control
1	comparative	Relating to, based on, or involving comparison
1	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
1	compound word	Two words put together to make a new word
1	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
1	computer	An electronic machine that is used to store, sort, and work with information at a high speed.
1	consonant	All the letters in the alphabet apart from A, E, I, O and U (called vowels)
1	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
1	contraction	The shortening of a word or word group by omitting letters and replacing them with an apostrophe
1	contribute	To give for a purpose.
1	conversation	An exchange of ideas between two or more people
1	cooperate	To work with other people for a common purpose.
1	correctly	In the correct or proper way; without error.
1	date	A particular day or point in time.
1	decode	to change from code into ordinary language.

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1	depict	To show, describe, or portray in a painting, sculpture, or written work.
1	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
1	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
1	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
1	diagram	A plan, sketch, drawing, or outline designed to demonstrate or explain how something works
1	diagraph	A combination of two letters possessing a single sound.
1	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
1	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
1	directions	How to do something or how to get somewhere
1	distinguish	To tell apart by seeing differences
1	edit	To correct and revise
1	encyclopedia	A book or set of books giving information on all subjects, alphabetically arranged
1	ending	The final part
1	events	Something that happens
1	exclamation point	A punctuation mark ! used chiefly after an exclamation to show a forceful way of speaking or a strong feeling
1	exclamatory	Sudden and strong
1	experiences	Things that a person has done or lived through.
1	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
1	expository	An explanation of something
1	express	To tell or show thoughts or feelings
1	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
1	facts	A statement that can be proven
1	fairy tale	A story that usually has magic and pretend characters
1	feelings	Full of or expressing emotion or sensitivity; sympathetic
1	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
1	final	Happening at or being the at the end of something; last.
1	fluency	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
1	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
1	folk tale	A cultural story passed down from generations
1	gather/collect	To bring together into one place
1	glossary	An alphabetical listing of key words from a book and their definitions with page numbers where the word appears
1	graphics	Charts, maps, drawings, and other images used in printed works such as books and magazines.

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1	group	To put with other items that are similar; classify.
1	happen	To take place; occur.
1	heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis
1	idea	Any thought or picture formed in the mind.
1	identify	To figure out or show who someone is or what something is.
1	illustration	A picture or drawing used to explain or decorate a book or other written material.
1	illustrator	The person who drew the pictures used in a book
1	important	Having great meaning or value.
1	improve	To make better
1	individual	A single thing or person
1	information	Knowledge or facts that come from a source.
1	initial	The start or beginning; the first one.
1	inside voice	To be quieter than when you play outside
1	instructions	How to do something
1	interrupting	To begin to speak before someone else has finished speaking.
1	invitation	A request (spoken or written) to participate or be present or take part
1	key details	Important or essential pieces of information including facts, statements, examples, explanations, and descriptions.
1	keyboard	The rows of letters and numbers you use to make digital text on a computer.
1	label	Identifying or classifying an item or group
1	learn	To get knowledge about something through study or experience.
1	lesson	Something learned by study or experience
1	letter	The written form of a sound
1	list	Names or items written one after another
1	listen carefully	Pay close attention to what you are hearing
1	lowercase	A letter of the alphabet, having a form smaller than the upper-case or capitalized form.
1	magazine	A type of thin book with large pages and a paper cover which contains articles and photographs and is published every week or month
1	main event	The most important thing that happens
1	main idea	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
1	main topic	What the writing is mostly about
1	mark	Something, such as a spot or scar, that can be seen on a surface.
1	meaning	what is meant by a word; definition.

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1	medial	the middle
1	monitor/screen	a screen for a computer that shows information.
1	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
1	names	a word or group of words by which something or someone is known by.
1	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
1	narrator/narrate	A person or character who tells a story.
1	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
1	note	A short written message
1	nursery rhyme	Short poem or song for children
1	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
1	opposite	Two things that are completely different
1	order	To arrange or organize in a certain way
1	organization	to set in order; arrange in a particular way.
1	paragraph	A group of sentences about the same topic
1	partner	a person who shares in an activity with another person.
1	parts	A piece of a whole
1	passage	A piece of writing
1	pattern	a guide; model.
1	people	human beings; more than one person.
1	period	A punctuation mark (.) used to mark the end of a sentence
1	person	A human being.
1	personal narrative	To tell your story in your own way
1	photograph	A picture made by using a camera that records an image.
1	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
1	picture	A painting, drawing, or photograph.
1	place	A certain location or spot.
1	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
1	poem	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
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1	points (statements)	The meaning or purpose of a statement or action.
1	possessive	Shows ownership, or a similar relation
1	powerful	Having or being able to use strength or force.
1	predicate	The part of a sentence or clause that expresses what is said about the subject
1	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)

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1	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
1	problem	Something that needs to be solved or fixed
1	punctuate/punctuation	Question marks, periods, and other marks used in writing to help make the meaning clear.
1	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
1	question mark	A punctuation symbol (?) written at the end of a sentence or phrase to indicate a direct question
1	questions	A sentence that needs an answer
1	quotation mark	A punctuation mark " " or ` ` used to identify spoken or quoted words
1	reasons	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
1	recall	To bring a past event into your mind.
1	recognize	To know from earlier experience.
1	relationship	A connection of some kind.
1	re-read	To read again
1	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
1	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
1	retell	To tell again or in another form
1	revise	To correct or edit so as to improve
1	segment	One of the parts into which something is or can be separated.
1	select	To choose; pick.
1	senses	Any of five ways to understand or experience one's surroundings using touch, smell, taste, sight, or hearing.
1	sentence	A group of words that makes sense
1	sequence	A pattern or process in which one thing follows another.
1	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
1	share	To communicate.
1	show	To let someone see
1	sign	A mark to represent a command
1	silent	Making no sound
1	similarities	The quality of being alike
1	solution	An answer to or explanation of a problem.
1	solve	To find or figure out an answer to.
1	sound	Anything people hear with their ears.
1	sources	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
1	speaker	The "voice" used by an author to tell a story or speak a poem
1	speaking	Saying words; talking

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1	statement	A sentence that tells something
1	story	A report of events that really happened or are imaginary.
1	subject	The person or thing being discussed
1	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
1	superlative	Having to do with the form of adjectives and adverbs that indicates the highest or most extreme degree of comparison
1	support	To provide proof or evidence for
1	syllable	The number of sound chunks in a word
1	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
1	table of contents	A listing by page number of the main topics of a book, usually found in the front of the book
1	take turns	Used to describe a fair way that two or more people can share in an activity intended for one person only. One person does it then the next gets to do it.
1	tell	to express in spoken or written words.
1	text	Words that appear in anything written or printed.
1	thank you note	A note of gratitude for what was received
1	thing	An object.
1	thoughts	The result of thinking; ideas.
1	time	A moment or moments as shown on a clock or calendar.
1	title	The name of a book or story
1	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
1	understand	to get the meaning, nature, or importance of.
1	unknown	not known; not familiar.
1	uppercase	A capital letter
1	video	The picture part of television.
1	voice	The sound that comes from your mouth when you speak or sing.
1	vowel	A, E, I, O, U, and sometimes Y
1	word	A set of sounds or letters that have meaning.
1	word family	A group of words with the same ending sounds
1	write/writing	To use a pen or pencil to to make words, letters or numbers.

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2	academic	Having to do with school or what you learn in school.
2	actions	Something that is done for a specific purpose.
2	adjective	A word that describes someone or something. Example: beautiful, green
2	adverb	A word that answers questions like how, when, where and why.
2	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
2	analysis/analyze	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
2	announcement	Public or formal notice announcing something
2	answer	What you say or write after someone asks you a question; a reply.
2	apostrophe	A mark ' used to show that letters or figures are missing
2	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
2	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
2	article	A written piece often found in a newspaper or magazine
2	atlas	A collection of maps in book form
2	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
2	author	A person who writes books, stories, or plays
2	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
2	author's intent	The aim or meaning the writing is meant to convey
2	bias	A preference that prevents one from being impartial; prejudice
2	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
2	biography	A form of nonfiction in which a writer tells the life of another person
2	bold print	Word(s) that is in darker type than the words around it, used to help signal that the word is more important than the text around it
2	business letter	A written message addressed to or from an organization.
2	capital/capitalize	A big letter in the alphabet often used on the first letter of a word at the beginning of a sentence, or the first letter of the name of a person or place.
2	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
2	category	Belonging to a certain group of things
2	cause/effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
2	challenges	Difficulties that happen during a job or task.
2	chapter	A section of a book
2	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
2	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
2	checklist	A list of items that need to be checked for comparison, verification, or completion.

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2	chronological order	Events are presented in the order in which they occur
2	citation page	A page dedicated to recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage
2	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
2	clarify	To make something easier to understand
2	collaboration	Working together toward a common goal.
2	collective noun	A noun that is singular in form but refers to a group of people or things
2	comments	A statement that expresses a personal opinion or belief or adds information
2	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
2	compound sentence	A sentence containing two or more independent clauses.
2	compound word	Two words put together to make a new word
2	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
2	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
2	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
2	contraction	The shortening of a word or word group by omitting letters and replacing them with an apostrophe
2	contrast	An examination of how two or more things are different
2	conversation	An exchange of ideas between two or more people
2	cookbook	A book of recipes and cooking directions
2	copy and paste	A computer command that creates a duplicate of your selection and places it in another location.
2	credit	Approval or praise given to a person or group for something that has been done; recognition.
2	culture	The knowledge and values shared by a society
2	definition	The meaning of a word, phrase, or term, as in a dictionary entry
2	demonstrate	To show how to do something.
2	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
2	descriptive words	Words intended to create a mood, person, place, thing, event, emotion, or experience.
2	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
2	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
2	develop	To grow or cause to grow
2	diagram	A plan, sketch, drawing, or outline designed to demonstrate or explain how something works
2	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
2	dictionary	A reference book containing an alphabetical list of words with definitions and information
2	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
2	digital	Using or characterized by computer technology
2	digital dictionary	A dictionary found on a computer
2	digital text	Words displayed on a computer

Grade Level	Word	Definition
2	directions	How to do something or how to get somewhere
2	discussion	The act or an instance of talking or writing about something.
2	display	To cause to be seen; show.
2	distinguish	To tell apart by seeing differences
2	edit/editing	To correct and revise
2	effect	Identifies the result of a cause
2	emotion	A strong feeling such as joy, hatred, sorrow, or fear.
2	emphasis/emphasize	To give particular attention to; stress.
2	enhance	To improve or add to the quality, value, or attractiveness of.
2	entertain	To hold the interest of and read for enjoyment
2	essay	A short piece of writing that gives author's opinions on a subject
2	events	Something that happens
2	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
2	example	Something or someone that is used as a model
2	exclamation point	A punctuation mark ! used chiefly after an exclamation to show a forceful way of speaking or a strong feeling
2	experiences	Things that a person has done or lived through.
2	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
2	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
2	fable	A short story with a moral (lesson), often with animal characters
2	fact	A statement that can be proven
2	fantasy	A story containing unreal, imaginary features like talking animals or fairies
2	feedback	The returning of opinions, corrections, or other evaluative information
2	fluently	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
2	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
2	folktale	A cultural story passed down from generations
2	formal English	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
2	general	Applying to all or most members of a category or group; the usual
2	glossary	An alphabetical listing of key words from a book and their definitions with page numbers where the word appears
2	Google	A popular and distinctive Internet search engine.
2	grammar	The rules for forming words and sentences in a language
2	graph	A drawing or diagram that shows the relationship between numbers using pictures, bars, or lines
2	graphic organizer	A visual aid to help organize information

Grade Level	Word	Definition
2	graphics	Charts, maps, drawings, and other images used in printed works such as books and magazines.
2	greeting	A word or gesture of welcome
2	historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past
2	holiday	a day on which most people do not work in honor or celebration of some person or event.
2	icons	Small pictures on a computer display that represent actions, documents, folders, programs, and the like.
2	illustration	A picture or drawing used to explain or decorate a book or other written material.
2	images	Pictures
2	important	Having great meaning or value.
2	independently	On your own; without outside help
2	index	A list, found in the back of a book, giving the location of every important idea, term, definition, person, and place mentioned in the text
2	inform	To tell, give the facts
2	informal English	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
2	information	Knowledge or facts that come from a source.
2	informational text	Writing that provides factual information and that often explains ideas or teaches processes.
2	interaction of characters	How the characters have an effect on or change one another.
2	internet search	To look for something online using a computer
2	interpretation	The act or process of explaining or making clear the meaning of something.
2	irregular	Not following the general rules of grammar or spelling.
2	irregular verb	A verb that does not form its past tense and past participle by adding -ed or -d to the present tense
2	journal	A daily record of events and the writer's thoughts and feelings about those events
2	justify	To show good reasons or cause for.
2	key details	Important or essential pieces of information including facts, statements, examples, explanations, and descriptions.
2	key words	Important words to the meaning of a statement
2	label	Identifying or classifying an item or group
2	legible	Able to be understood or read.
2	letter	A written or printed communication
2	library sources	Books, magazines, encyclopedias, lab reports, historical documents, audio and video recordings, and all sorts of other information sources, all of which are useful for different purposes.
2	list	Names or items written one after another
2	literal meaning	Ordinary, exact, or primary meaning of a word or words; not figurative or metaphorical.
2	literature	Writings that have lasting value

Grade Level	Word	Definition
2	main character	The most important character in a story, poem, or play
2	main idea	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
2	main purpose	The most important reason or plan
2	main topic	What the writing is mostly about
2	major character	An important character in a story, poem, or play
2	major event	An important incident that occurs
2	make-believe	To pretend, imagine
2	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.
2	minor character	character who plays a small role in the story; A less important character
2	minor event	Something that occurs that is of a lesser importance than the main event
2	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
2	multi-paragraph	more than one paragraph
2	multiple meaning	When something has more than one meaning
2	multi-syllable	A word with more than one syllable
2	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
2	newspaper	A daily or weekly publication of current events (news)
2	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
2	note-taking	Writing bits of information down to refer to at a later time
2	online	connected to a computer or computer network.
2	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
2	oral	Spoken, rather than written; carried out by speaking.
2	organize	to set in order; arrange in a particular way.
2	outline	A special form to plan and organize writing
2	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
2	paragraph	A group of sentences about the same topic
2	paraphrase	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
2	passage	A piece of writing
2	past tense	A verb tense expressing action or state in the past
2	persuade/persuasive	To talk someone into doing or believing something; convince
2	persuasive writing	A text type that is designed to convince the reader to adopt a particular opinion or perform a certain action
2	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
2	plan	an action one intends to take; aim.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
2	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
2	poetry	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
2	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
2	PowerPoint	A software program which allows users to create slideshow presentations
2	precise	Stated in a clear way and with details.
2	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
2	presentation	a show or display; the act of presenting something to an audience
2	problem	Something that needs to be solved or fixed
2	produce	To make or create.
2	product names	What something that is made or manufactured is called.
2	proficiently	Having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude
2	pronoun	A word that is used as a substitute for a noun
2	proofread	To examine for mistakes and make corrections
2	punctuation	Question marks, periods, and other marks used in writing to help make the meaning clear.
2	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
2	question	A sentence that asks for an answer.
2	question mark	A punctuation symbol (?) written at the end of a sentence or phrase to indicate a direct question
2	quote	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
2	real life connections	The use of words that describe everyday type situations
2	reasons	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
2	recall	To bring a past event into your mind.
2	recount	To tell a history of events; relate; narrate.
2	reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
2	relate	to tell or give an account of; narrate.
2	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
2	repetition	The act or process of doing something over and over again
2	report	To tell about what happened
2	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
2	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
2	respond	To answer or give a reply in some way.
2	revise/revising	To correct or edit so as to improve
2	rhyme	Words that have the same ending sound
2	rhythm	The pattern of beats, or stresses, in spoken or written language
2	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes

Grade Level	Word	Definition
2	rule	A statement telling what must or must not be done
2	scanning	Reading or looking at something for a short time.
2	schedule	A list of times at which things are planning to occur
2	science fiction	Writing that tells about imaginary events that involve science or technology
2	scientific	Conforming with the principles or methods used in science
2	search engine	A software program that searches a database or network, esp. the Internet, for data, files, or documents containing terms specified by the user.
2	section	A part of something written.
2	selection	A passage selected from a larger work
2	self-monitoring	The conscious process of watching one's own reading for problems and difficulties in order to successfully employ fix-up strategies.
2	sequence	A pattern or process in which one thing follows another.
2	sequence of events	Events happening in a particular order
2	sequential order	Events are given in the order in which they happened or should be done
2	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
2	shades of meaning	Small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
2	short story	A story that is not very long
2	sign	A mark to represent a command
2	similarities	The quality of being alike
2	simple sentences	A sentence that only has one clause
2	skimming	to glance through in a hurry
2	sources	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
2	speaker	The "voice" used by an author to tell a story or speak a poem
2	specific	Special or unique to something.
2	speech	The communication or expression of thoughts in spoken words
2	spellcheck	A computer program that checks the spelling in a document.
2	spelling	The forming of words from letters
2	statement	A sentence that tells something
2	story	A report of events that really happened or are imaginary.
2	strategies	A method or plan of action that you intend to use for some purpose.
2	style	The manner in which something is said or done.
2	subheading	Headings within a text passage which indicate the topic to be covered, narrower in focus than the heading
2	substantive topics	Subjects of importance; meaningful

Grade Level	Word	Definition
2	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
2	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
2	support	To provide proof or evidence for
2	supporting ideas	Ideas in a paragraph or piece of text that explain or support the main idea of the text
2	tall tale	An absurd, exaggerated, humorous story that is obviously unbelievable
2	technical	having terms that have to do with a particular science, art, or profession.
2	technology	The use of science in solving problems
2	text	Words that appear in anything written or printed.
2	textbook	A book used in school to study a subject
2	textual features	
2	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
2	thesaurus	A book that lists words with their synonyms or antonyms.
2	timeline	A sequence of related events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line
2	title	The name of a book or story
2	title page	A page of a book displaying the title and author and publisher
2	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
2	toolbar	A row of icons on a computer screen that activate commands or functions when clicked
2	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
2	topic sentence	The sentence that expresses the main idea of a paragraph
2	understand/understanding	to get the meaning, nature, or importance of.
2	valid reason	An explanation for an action, opinion, or event, that is based on truth, fact, or logic.
2	verb	A word that expresses action or a state of being
2	video	The picture part of television.
2	visual	Having to do with or using pictures or video.
2	vocabulary	A group of words that a person knows or should know
2	word order	The arrangement of words in a sentence
2	word processing	The creation, input, editing, and production of documents and texts by means of computer systems.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	abbreviation	A short form of a word or phrase
3	academic	Having to do with school or what you learn in school.
3	accounts	Descriptions of events or experiences
3	act/scene	A short performance, or one part of a whole performance
3	action verb	A verb that expresses action
3	actions	Something that is done for a specific purpose.
3	address	your house number and street, city and state where you live
3	advertise	to tell people about something through newspapers, posters, tv etc...
3	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
3	almanac	A reference book with facts and figures
3	alphabetical order	Arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet.
3	analogy	A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
3	analysis/analyze	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
3	answer	What you say or write after someone asks you a question; a reply.
3	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
3	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
3	aspect	A part or feature of something
3	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
3	author	A person who writes books, stories, or plays
3	author's claim/author's message	What the author wants the reader to believe.
3	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
3	body	the main or central part
3	boldface	A word or words in darker type than the surrounding text, used to help signal that the word is more important.
3	book report	A written or spoken description of a book
3	book title	A name given to a book
3	brainstorm	A sudden plan or idea
3	business letter	A letter dealing with business
3	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
3	cast	A group of people acting in a play or film.
3	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
3	central message	The theme of a story, novel, poem, or drama.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	chapter	A section of a book
3	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
3	characteristics/traits	Features that identify something or someone
3	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
3	checklist	A list of items that need to be checked for comparison, verification, or completion.
3	chronological order	A list of events in the order in which they occur.
3	citation page	A page dedicated to recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage
3	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
3	classify	To arrange or organize according to class or category
3	closing	The end or conclusion
3	colon	A punctuation mark : most commonly used to direct attention to what follows
3	comma	A punctuation mark , used chiefly to show separation of words or word groups within a sentence
3	comments	A statement that expresses a personal opinion or belief or adds information
3	comparative	The form of an adjective or adverb that expresses the idea of comparison.
3	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
3	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
3	complex sentence	A sentence with multiple clauses
3	compound noun	Two or more simple nouns used together as a single noun. The parts may be written as one word, two or more words, or as a hyphenated word, e.g., firefighter, fire drill, push-up
3	compound sentence	A sentence containing two or more independent clauses.
3	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
3	concept	A general idea or thought.
3	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
3	conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things.
3	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
3	conjunction	A word or expression that joins together sentences, clauses, phrases, or words
3	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
3	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
3	contraction	The shortening of a word or word group by omitting letters and replacing them with an apostrophe
3	contrast	An examination of how two or more things are different
3	contribute/contribution	To give for a purpose.
3	conversation	An exchange of ideas between two or more people
3	convey	To communicate; express.
3	copy and paste	A computer command that creates a duplicate of your selection and places it in another location.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	creative	Able to create new and imaginative things
3	credit	Approval or praise given to a person or group for something that has been done; recognition.
3	culture	The knowledge and values shared by a society
3	cursive	Written or formed with the strokes of the letters joined together and the angles rounded
3	decode	to change from code into ordinary language.
3	definition	The meaning of a word, phrase, or term, as in a dictionary entry
3	demonstrate	To show how to do something.
3	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
3	descriptive words	Words intended to create a mood, person, place, thing, event, emotion, or experience.
3	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
3	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
3	develop	To grow or cause to grow
3	diagram	A plan, sketch, drawing, or outline designed to demonstrate or explain how something works
3	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
3	diary/journal	A personal, daily account of an individual's experiences and feelings
3	dictionary	A reference book containing an alphabetical list of words with definitions and information
3	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
3	digital	Using or characterized by computer technology
3	diphthongs	a two-element speech sound that begins with the tongue position for one vowel and ends with the tongue position for another all within one syllable <the sounds of "ou" in "out" and of "oy" in "boy" are diphthongs
3	discussion	The act or an instance of talking or writing about something.
3	display	To cause to be seen; show.
3	distinguish	To tell apart by seeing differences
3	diverse	Of different kinds or sorts.
3	draft	To draw up a preliminary outline, picture or plan
3	drama/play	A type of literature which is meant to be performed (play, reader's theater)
3	Drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
3	edit	To correct and revise
3	emotion	A strong feeling such as joy, hatred, sorrow, or fear.
3	emphasis/emphasize	To give particular attention to; stress.
3	encyclopedia	A book or set of books giving information on all subjects, alphabetically arranged
3	enhance	To improve or add to the quality, value, or attractiveness of.
3	entertain	To hold the interest of and read for enjoyment

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	events	Something that happens
3	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
3	example	Something or someone that is used as a model
3	exclamation point	A punctuation mark ! used chiefly after an exclamation to show a forceful way of speaking or a strong feeling
3	exclamatory sentence	A sentence that expresses strong feelings by making an exclamation
3	experience	Something that a person has done or lived through.
3	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
3	expository text	A text type that seeks to explain or inform
3	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
3	fable	A short story with a moral (lesson), often with animal characters
3	fact	A statement that can be proven
3	fairy tale	A story that usually has magic and pretend characters
3	feedback	The returning of opinions, corrections, or other evaluative information
3	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
3	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words
3	first person	A set of words or forms (as pronouns or verb forms) referring to the person speaking or writing them
3	fluently/fluency	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
3	folktale	A cultural story passed down from generations
3	formal English	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
3	format	To arrange or organize so that a particular appearance is achieved.
3	friendly letter	Informal letter written for a friend
3	general	Applying to all or most members of a category or group; the usual
3	generalization	A statement or idea that is general or nonspecific.
3	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
3	glossary	An alphabetical listing of key words from a book and their definitions with page numbers where the word appears
3	Google	A popular and distinctive Internet search engine.
3	grammar	The rules for forming words and sentences in a language
3	graph	A drawing or diagram that shows the relationship between numbers using pictures, bars, or lines
3	graphics	Charts, maps, drawings, and other images used in printed works such as books and magazines.
3	Greek	Having to do with Greece, or its people, culture, or language.
3	group work	Work that is done with others

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis
3	historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past
3	historical fiction	A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past
3	history book	A book containing important events of the past.
3	homographs	Two or more words that are spelled the same but have different pronunciations and unrelated meanings.
3	homophone	Two or more words pronounced alike but different in meaning, origin, or spelling
3	hyphen	A punctuation mark - used to divide or to compound words or word elements
3	idiom	A phrase or expression in which the meaning is different than the literal meaning of the words
3	illustrate/illustration	To make clear by using examples
3	importance	Having great meaning or value.
3	indent	To set in from the margin
3	independently	On your own; without outside help
3	Index	A list, found in the back of a book, giving the location of every important idea, term, definition, person, and place mentioned in the text
3	Inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning
3	inform	To tell, give the facts
3	informal English	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
3	information	Knowledge or facts that come from a source.
3	informational text	Writing that provides factual information and that often explains ideas or teaches processes.
3	instructions	How to do something
3	internet search	To look for something online using a computer
3	interpretation	The act or process of explaining or making clear the meaning of something.
3	introduction	Writing at the beginning of a selection that tells you what will come.
3	invitation	A request (spoken or written) to participate or be present or take part
3	irregular	Not following the general rules of grammar or spelling.
3	Italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
3	key details	Important or essential pieces of information including facts, statements, examples, explanations, and descriptions.
3	key words	Important words to the meaning of a statement
3	Latin	Having to do with ancient Rome, or its people, culture or language.
3	legend	A story handed down for generations in a culture; believed to be based in history, but cant's be verified

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	legend/map key	A table that explains the symbols used on a map, chart, or other illustration.
3	lesson	Something learned by study or experience
3	library sources	Books, magazines, encyclopedias, lab reports, historical documents, audio and video recordings, and all sorts of other information sources, all of which are useful for different purposes.
3	linking words	Words or phrases connecting two or more sentences or clauses, used to show relationships between ideas.
3	list	Names or items written one after another
3	literal	Ordinary, exact, or primary meaning of a word or words; not figurative or metaphorical.
3	literature	Writings that have lasting value
3	locate	To find the position or place of.
3	magazine	A type of thin book with large pages and a paper cover which contains articles and photographs and is published every week or month
3	main heading	The most important word or group of words at the top or front of a piece of writing
3	main idea	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
3	main topic	What the writing is mostly about
3	major character	An important character in a story, poem, or play
3	manual	A handbook; a book of directions
3	map	A drawing or other representation of all or part of the earth's surface showing countries, bodies of water, cities, mountains, etc.
3	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.
3	minor character	character who plays a small role in the story; A less important character
3	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
3	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
3	motivation	Providing incentive or Inspiration
3	multiple meaning	When something has more than one meaning
3	multi-syllabic	A word with more than one syllable
3	myth	An imaginary or fictitious thing or person.
3	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
3	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.
3	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
3	non-literal	Using figures of speech
3	note-taking	Writing bits of information down to refer to at a later time
3	noun	A word that is the name of something (as a person, animal, place, or thing)

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	nursery rhyme	Short poem or song for children
3	object	Something that is the target of thought or feeling
3	occur	to take place; happen.
3	online	connected to a computer or computer network.
3	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
3	oral	Spoken, rather than written; carried out by speaking.
3	order of events	Arrangements of events according to a particular sequence or method
3	organizational structure	The framework of a story.
3	organize	to set in order; arrange in a particular way.
3	outline	A special form to plan and organize writing
3	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
3	paragraph	A group of sentences about the same topic
3	paraphrase	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
3	parenthesis	either of a pair of punctuation marks (). They are used to enclose information that is not part of the main sentence.
3	passage	A piece of writing
3	past tense	A verb tense expressing action or state in the past
3	period	A punctuation mark (.) used to mark the end of a sentence
3	persuade/persuasive	To talk someone into doing or believing something; convince
3	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
3	plan	an action one intends to take; aim.
3	play	An activity for fun or a dramatic performance
3	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
3	plural	A word form used to indicate more than one
3	poem/poetry	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
3	poet	A person who writes poems or verses
3	point	The meaning or purpose of a statement or action.
3	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
3	PowerPoint	A software program which allows users to create slideshow presentations
3	precise	Exact
3	predicate	The part of a sentence or clause that expresses what is said about the subject
3	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
3	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
3	presentation	a show or display; the act of presenting something to an audience

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
3	procedure	a series of steps that must be taken in order to do something.
3	proficiently	having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude
3	proofread	To examine for mistakes and make corrections
3	provide	To give or supply
3	publish	To prepare and issue (printed material) for public distribution or sale
3	punctuation	Question marks, periods, and other marks used in writing to help make the meaning clear.
3	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
3	question	a sentence that asks for an answer.
3	question mark	A punctuation symbol (?) written at the end of a sentence or phrase to indicate a direct question
3	quotation mark	One of a pair of punctuation marks " " or ` ` used chiefly to indicate the beginning and the end of a direct quotation
3	quote	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
3	real life connections	Connections a reader can make between his own life and the story being read.
3	reasons	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
3	recall	to bring a past event into your mind.
3	recount	to tell a history of events; relate; narrate.
3	refer	to speak of; to point to something in speech or writing.
3	reference book	A book that provides facts, definitions, data or summary of a topic
3	reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
3	relate	to have a connection with something.
3	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
3	report	To tell about what happened
3	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
3	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
3	resource	Something that you can use to help achieve a goal
3	respond	to answer or give a reply in some way.
3	restatement	Something that is stated again in another way
3	retell	To tell again or in another form
3	revise	To correct or edit so as to improve
3	role	A job within a project or a part/character played by an actor
3	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
3	run-on sentence	A sentence formed from two or more sentences improperly joined

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	scanning	Reading or looking at something for a short time.
3	science book	A non-fiction book usually written by a scientist or researcher.
3	scientific	conforming with the principles or methods used in science
3	search engine	a software program that searches a database or network, esp. the Internet, for data, files, or documents containing terms specified by the user.
3	selection	a passage selected from a larger work
3	self-monitoring	The conscious process of watching one's own reading for problems and difficulties in order to successfully employ fix-up strategies.
3	semicolon	a punctuation mark (;). It is used to separate independent clauses in a sentence when there is no conjunction
3	sequence of events	A text structure in which one event or action follows another
3	sequential order	Events are given in the order in which they happened or should be done
3	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
3	shades of meaning	Small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
3	signature	The name of a person, written by that person
3	similar	being almost the same as something else.
3	simple sentences	A sentence that only has one clause
3	singular	The form that indicates only one
3	source	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
3	speaker	The "voice" used by an author to tell a story or speak a poem
3	specific	Special or unique to something.
3	speech	The communication or expression of thoughts in spoken words
3	spellcheck	a computer program that checks the spelling in a document.
3	stanza	A fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem
3	story	A report of events that really happened or are imaginary.
3	strategies	a method or plan of action that you intend to use for some purpose.
3	style	the manner in which something is said or done.
3	subject	The person or thing being discussed
3	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
3	suggestion	an idea or opinion that is offered
3	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
3	superlative	Having to do with the form of adjectives and adverbs that indicates the highest or most extreme degree of comparison
3	support	To provide proof or evidence for

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	supporting ideas	Ideas in a paragraph or piece of text that explain or support the main idea of the text
3	syllable	The number of sound chunks in a word
3	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
3	table of contents	A listing by page number of the main topics of a book, usually found in the front of the book

Grade Level	Word	Definition
3	technical	having terms that have to do with a particular science, art, or profession.
3	technology	The use of science in solving problems
3	text	Words that appear in anything written or printed.
3	text features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.
3	text structure	The pattern or arrangement of ideas in a text passage
3	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
3	thesaurus	A book that lists words with their synonyms or antonyms.
3	third person	A set of words or forms (as verb forms or pronouns) referring to someone or something that is neither the speaker/writer nor the audience/reader.
3	title	The name of a book or story
3	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
3	toolbar	A row of icons on a computer screen that activate commands or functions when clicked
3	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
3	topic sentence	The sentence that expresses the main idea of a paragraph
3	understand/understanding	to get the meaning, nature, or importance of.
3	valid	based on truth, fact, or logic.
3	venn diagram	A graphic organizer used to show the relationship between two or more sets
3	verb tense	The aspect of verbs that shows when an action takes place. Verbs can be in past, present, or future tense.
3	verse	A line of writing in which words are arranged in a rhythmic pattern
3	video	the picture part of television.
3	visual	Having to do with or using pictures or video.
3	vocabulary	A group of words that a person knows or should know
3	where	At, in, or to what place
3	word processing	The creation, input, editing, and production of documents and texts by means of computer systems.
3	writing process	A process that involves pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and final drafting

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	abbreviation	A short form of a word or phrase
4	academic	Having to do with school or what you learn in school.
4	accounts	Descriptions of events or experiences
4	accurate/accuracy	Free from mistakes or error; flawless
4	actions	Something that is done for a specific purpose.
4	adjective	A word that describes someone or something. Example: beautiful, green
4	adverb	A word that answers questions like how, when, where and why.
4	advertise	to tell people about something through newspapers, posters, tv etc...
4	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
4	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
4	American literature	Short stories, novels, plays, and poems written by authors from the United States
4	analogy	A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
4	analysis/analyze	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
4	animation	The condition or quality of having liveliness; vivacity.
4	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
4	argue/argument	To state the reasons for or against; a verbal exchange between people with opposite views.
4	article	A written piece often found in a newspaper or magazine
4	aspect	A part or feature of something
4	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
4	audio recording	Sound that has been taped; could be music, talking, noises etc...
4	author	A person who writes books, stories, or plays
4	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
4	base word	A complete word that can stand alone without a prefix or suffix.
4	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
4	biography	A form of nonfiction in which a writer tells the life of another person
4	boldface	A word or words in darker type than the surrounding text, used to help signal that the word is more important.
4	book review	An article describing and judging a new book
4	capital/capitalize	A big letter in the alphabet often used on the first letter of a word at the beginning of a sentence, or the first letter of the name of a person or place.
4	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
4	cast	A group of people acting in a play or film.
4	cause	Identifies the "why" of an event

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
4	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
4	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
4	chronological order/chronology	A list of events in the order in which they occur.
4	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
4	classified ad	A short ad in the newspaper or a magazine
4	clause	A group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a compound or complex sentence. A distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document.
4	clear	Easy to understand
4	climax	Most exciting moment of the story turning point
4	ClipArt	Ready-made pieces of computerized graphic art that can be used to decorate a document
4	clue	Something that helps to solve a problem or mystery.
4	coherent	Logical and clear.
4	combine	To bring or join together into a whole.
4	comma	a punctuation mark, used chiefly to show separation of words or word groups within a sentence
4	command	To order or control
4	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
4	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
4	complexity	Something with a lot of pieces, something not easy to put into words or understand.
4	composition	A particular written or musical works
4	compound noun	Two or more simple nouns used together as a single noun. The parts may be written as one word, two or more words, or as a hyphenated word, e.g., firefighter, fire drill, push-up
4	compound sentence	A sentence containing two or more independent clauses.
4	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
4	concept	A general idea or thought.
4	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
4	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
4	conjunction	A word or expression that joins together sentences, clauses, phrases, or words
4	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
4	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
4	contraction	The shortening of a word or word group by omitting letters and replacing them with an apostrophe
4	contrast	An examination of how two or more things are different
4	contribute	To give for a purpose.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	convention/conventional	Things that are normal, ordinary, and following the accepted way.
4	conversation	An exchange of ideas between two or more people
4	convey	To communicate; express.
4	creative writing	Writing stories and poems using creativity
4	culture	The knowledge and values shared by a society
4	cursive	Written or formed with the strokes of the letters joined together and the angles rounded
4	data	Facts about something that can be used in calculating, reasoning, or planning
4	decrease	to become less or smaller.
4	definition	The meaning of a word, phrase, or term, as in a dictionary entry
4	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
4	descriptive writing	Describes an object, place, or person in a way that allows the reader to visualize what is being described
4	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
4	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
4	develop	To grow or cause to grow
4	diagram	A plan, sketch, drawing, or outline designed to demonstrate or explain how something works
4	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
4	dictionary	A reference book containing an alphabetical list of words with definitions and information
4	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
4	differentiate	To identify the differences between things
4	digital	Using or characterized by computer technology
4	digital sources	An electronic reference used to gather or produce information.
4	direct speech	A speaker's exact words, set within quotation marks
4	direction	How to do something or how to get somewhere
4	discourse	A discussion in speech or writing, often formal and at some length.
4	discussion	The act or an instance of talking or writing about something.
4	display	To cause to be seen; show.
4	diverse	Of different kinds or sorts.
4	domain	A particular environment or walk of life
4	draft	To draw up a preliminary outline, picture or plan
4	drama	A type of literature which is meant to be performed (play, reader's theater)
4	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
4	editing	To correct and revise
4	effect	Identifies the result of a cause

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	emotion	A strong feeling such as joy, hatred, sorrow, or fear.
4	encyclopedia	A book or set of books giving information on all subjects, alphabetically arranged
4	ending	The final part
4	enhance	To improve or add to the quality, value, or attractiveness of.
4	entertain	To hold the interest of and read for enjoyment
4	environment	The things and conditions that are all around one.
4	events	Something that happens
4	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
4	example	Something or someone that is used as a model
4	experience	Something that a person has done or lived through.
4	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
4	expository text	A text type that seeks to explain or inform
4	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
4	fact	A statement that can be proven
4	fantasy	A story containing unreal, imaginary features like talking animals or fairies
4	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
4	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words
4	figure of speech	An expression with a special meaning
4	first person	A set of words or forms (as pronouns or verb forms) referring to the person speaking or writing them
4	firsthand	From the source; directly.
4	fluency	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
4	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
4	folk tale	A cultural story passed down from generations
4	font	The size, style, and design of text
4	footnote	A printed note or definition placed below the text at the bottom of the page or the back of the book
4	form	An established manner of doing or saying something
4	formal English	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
4	format	To arrange or organize so that a particular appearance is achieved.
4	fragment	A part that is broken off or incomplete
4	future tense	Verb tense formed in English with will or shall and expressing an action or state in time yet to come
4	general/generalization	Applying to all or most members of a category or group; the usual
4	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
4	glossary	An alphabetical listing of key words from a book and their definitions with page numbers where the word appears

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4	grammar	The rules for forming words and sentences in a language
4	graph	A drawing or diagram that shows the relationship between numbers using pictures, bars, or lines
4	graphics	Charts, maps, drawings, and other images used in printed works such as books and magazines.
4	Greek	Having to do with Greece, or its people, culture, or language.
4	group/categorize	To put with other items that are similar; classify.
4	heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis
4	history/historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past
4	homographs	Two or more words that are spelled the same but have different pronunciations and unrelated meanings.
4	ideas	Any thought or picture formed in the mind.
4	idiom	A phrase or expression in which the meaning is different than the literal meaning of the words
4	illustrator	The person who drew the pictures used in a book
4	imperative sentence	A sentence that gives advice or instructions
4	in light of	To include knowledge just learned or have known
4	increase	To make larger or greater; add to.
4	independent reading	To read on your own; without the help of others
4	index	A list, found in the back of a book, giving the location of every important idea, term, definition, person, and place mentioned in the text
4	inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning
4	inform	To tell, give the facts
4	informal English	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
4	information	Knowledge or facts that come from a source.
4	integrate	To bring together and mix into a whole.
4	Internet	A global network of millions of computers that provides rapid access to and exchange of data.
4	internet search	To look for something online using a computer
4	interpret	To translate, analyze, or give examples drawn from a text.
4	interrogative pronouns	Pronouns that are used to ask questions. <i>ex.</i> Who, whose, whom, which, that
4	introduction	Writing at the beginning of a selection that tells you what will come.
4	investigate	To look into carefully and closely so as to learn the facts; examine.
4	italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
4	job announcement	An ad for employment
4	key details	Important or essential pieces of information including facts, statements, examples, explanations, and descriptions.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	keyboarding	The act of typing on a keyboard
4	knowledgeable	Having information or knowledge; familiar.
4	label	Identifying or classifying an item or group
4	Latin	Having to do with ancient Rome, or its people, culture or language.
4	legend/map key	A table that explains the symbols used on a map, chart, or other illustration.
4	legibly	Able to be understood or read.
4	letter closing	The part of the letter right before your signature like, Sincerely, or Yours Truly,
4	level	Position in height, stage, or rank.
4	link	To join or connect.
4	linking words	Words or phrases connecting two or more sentences or clauses, used to show relationships between ideas.
4	list	Names or items written one after another
4	literal meaning	Ordinary, exact, or primary meaning of a word or words; not figurative or metaphorical.
4	literary	Having to do with literature or those who write or read literature.
4	literary analysis	A careful study of a piece of literature
4	literature	Writings that have lasting value
4	location	Place or position.
4	main idea/main point	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
4	major event	An important incident that occurs
4	manual	A handbook; a book of directions
4	margin	The part of a page outside the main body of printed or written matter
4	math/mathematical	the study of numbers, amounts, shapes, and the relationship between them, using symbols to represent these things.
4	meaning	what is meant by a word; definition.
4	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.
4	memo	A short written note to help a person remember something
4	menu	any list of available choices, esp. one generated electronically.
4	message	a communication of information by speech, writing, symbols, or other means.
4	minor event	Something that occurs that is of a lesser importance than the main event
4	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
4	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
4	multiple meaning	When something has more than one meaning
4	multi-syllabic	A word with more than one syllable

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	myth/mythology	A traditional story told to explain the customs and beliefs of a society
4	narrate	To tell the tale or give an account of; relate.
4	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
4	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.
4	news	Information about something that has happened recently
4	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
4	non-literal meaning	Using figures of speech
4	note-taking	Writing bits of information down to refer to at a later time
4	novel	A printed and bound book of fiction
4	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
4	oral	Spoken, rather than written; carried out by speaking.
4	order/organize	To arrange or organize in a certain way
4	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
4	paragraph	A group of sentences about the same topic
4	paraphrasing	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
4	patterns	a guide; model.
4	peers	a person of the same rank, age group, or ability as another person; equal.
4	permitted	Allowed
4	personal pronoun	A pronoun that refers to the speaker, somebody being addressed, or another person, for example "I," "you," "he," or "she"
4	perspective	A position from which something is considered or evaluated; standpoint.
4	persuade/persuasive	To talk someone into doing or believing something; convince
4	pertinent	Having to do with or connected to a subject; relevant.
4	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
4	planning	the act of figuring out how to do something ahead of time.
4	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
4	poem/poetry	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
4	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
4	points	The meaning or purpose of a statement or action.
4	policy	A general plan that guides decisions/behavior
4	portion	A part of a whole
4	PowerPoint	A software program which allows users to create slideshow presentations
4	precise/precision	Exact
4	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	prepositional phrase	a phrase that is made up of a preposition, its object, and any modifiers of this object, and that functions as an adjective or adverb, such as "of the house" or "under the bed"
4	presentation	a show or display; the act of presenting something to an audience
4	primary sources	An original source of the information being discussed such as a person with direct knowledge of a situation, or a document created by such a person.
4	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
4	procedure	a series of steps that must be taken in order to do something.
4	progressive verb tense	a verb that indicates an ongoing action in a sentence.
4	project	any activity that takes great effort or planning.
4	proof	Evidence, facts
4	proofread	To examine for mistakes and make corrections
4	proper noun	A noun that names a person, place, or thing
4	Publisher	A desktop publishing application from Microsoft, used for page layout and design.
4	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
4	quotation mark	One of a pair of punctuation marks " " or ` ` used chiefly to indicate the beginning and the end of a direct quotation
4	quote/quotation	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
4	reason	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
4	recall	to bring a past event into your mind.
4	recipe	A set of instructions for making something
4	recollection	something that is remembered; memory.
4	recount	to tell a history of events; relate; narrate.
4	reference materials	Text containing facts and information, items that you can look at to find information
4	reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
4	relate	to have a connection with something.
4	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
4	re-reading	To read again
4	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
4	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
4	restatement	Something that is stated again in another way
4	results	Something that happens because of something else or at the end of some activity.
4	review	Looking at or looking over again
4	revise	To correct or edit so as to improve

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	rhyme	Words that have the same ending sound
4	rhythm	The pattern of beats, or stresses, in spoken or written language
4	rising action	The events in a story that move the plot forward, which involves conflicts and complications.
4	role	A job within a project or a part/character played by an actor
4	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
4	run-on sentence	A sentence formed from two or more sentences improperly joined
4	save	to keep or store for future use.
4	scan/skim	to read or look over quickly.
4	schedule	A list of times at which things are planning to occur
4	science fiction	Writing that tells about imaginary events that involve science or technology
4	science/scientific	a system of studying, testing, and experimenting on things in nature; a search for general laws about how the world works.
4	secondhand	not from the original source.
4	selection	a passage selected from a larger work
4	self-monitoring	The conscious process of watching one's own reading for problems and difficulties in order to successfully employ fix-up strategies.
4	sequence	A text structure in which one event or action follows another
4	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
4	shades of meaning	Small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
4	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
4	simple sentence	A sentence that only has one clause
4	situations	the combination of circumstances at a given time
4	skills	the power or ability to perform a task well, especially because of training or practice.
4	social sciences	the branch of science that studies society and the relationships of individual within a society
4	social studies	a course of study including history, geography, civics, and other social sciences.
4	sources	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
4	speaker	The "voice" used by an author to tell a story or speak a poem
4	specific	Special or unique to something.
4	speech	The communication or expression of thoughts in spoken words
4	spellcheck	a computer program that checks the spelling in a document.
4	stage directions	An instruction written into, or added to, the script of a play, directing actors' movements, scenery arrangement, and the like
4	Standard English	The model of English that is written and spoken by educated individuals
4	stanza	A fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	story	A report of events that really happened or are imaginary.
4	strengthen	to make or grow strong or stronger.
4	structure	the way in which such a thing is joined together.
4	subject	The person or thing being discussed
4	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
4	summary sentence	A sentence that restates the main idea of a paragraph
4	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
4	support	To provide proof or evidence for
4	supporting details	Sentences in a paragraph or piece of text that explain or support the main idea of the text
4	syllabication pattern	Designated patterns to follow when trying to determine where the word breaks into syllables.
4	symbolism	The use of something concrete that is used to represent something more than itself.
4	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
4	table of contents	A listing by page number of the main topics of a book, usually found in the front of the book
4	task	a piece of work to be done; duty.
4	technical text	A text type that gives directions or explains a procedure to complete a specific task
4	tell	to express in spoken or written words.
4	text	Words that appear in anything written or printed.
4	text Features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.
4	text Structure	The pattern or arrangement of ideas in a text passage
4	textbook	A book used in school to study a subject
4	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
4	thesaurus	A book that lists words with their synonyms or antonyms.
4	third person	A set of words or forms (as verb forms or pronouns) referring to someone or something that is neither the speaker or writer of the utterance in which they occur nor the one to whom that utterance is addressed
4	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
4	topic sentence	The sentence that expresses the main idea of a paragraph
4	traditional	relating to customs and ways of doing things in a particular culture that are passed down from parents to children.
4	transitional words	Words that are used in a paragraph proofs to help to make the logic clear.
4	understand/understanding	to get the meaning, nature, or importance of.
4	universal themes	a widely recognized and recurring lesson or moral of a story or event.
4	unknown	not known; not familiar.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
4	verb phrase	a phrase that includes a verb with auxiliary verbs, such as "had been crying," or one that includes a verb and adverb, such as "give up".
4	verse	A line of writing in which words are arranged in a rhythmic pattern
4	version	a description or report in a particular style or from one point of view.
4	video	the picture part of television.
4	visual	Having to do with or using pictures or video.
4	vocabulary	A group of words that a person knows or should know
4	when	At what time
4	word processing	The creation, input, editing, and production of documents and texts by means of computer systems.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
5	academic	Having to do with school or what you learn in school.
5	accounts	Descriptions of events or experiences
5	accurate/accuracy	Free from mistakes or error; flawless
5	acronym	Words formed using the first letter of each word in a series
5	act/scene	A short performance, or one part of a whole performance
5	adages	An old familiar saying that shows the wisdom of a group of people; proverb.
5	adapt	To change for a particular use.
5	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
5	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
5	analysis/analyze	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
5	animation	The condition or quality of having liveliness; vivacity.
5	antecedent	A word, phrase or a clause to which a pronoun refers.
5	anthology	Book of literary selections by various authors
5	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
5	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
5	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
5	aspect	A part or feature of something
5	assumption	A belief or statement taken for granted without proof
5	atlas	A book of maps, tables, or charts.
5	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
5	author	A person who writes books, stories, or plays
5	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
5	autobiography	The story of a person's life told by that person.
5	behavior	The way a person or thing acts or does something.
5	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
5	boldface	A word or words in darker type than the surrounding text, used to help signal that the word is more important.
5	book	Text that gives information, or explanation about something
5	book review	An article describing and judging a new book
5	British literature	Books, plays and other works literature associated with the United Kingdom.
5	brochure	Used to provide information, educate or advertise a specific topic or product
5	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
5	caret	A mark that is used to show where something is to be inserted

Grade Level	Word	Definition
5	cast	A group of people acting in a play or film.
5	catalog	A book or pamphlet containing a list of items
5	category	Belonging to a certain group of things
5	cause	Identifies the “why” of an event
5	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
5	chapter	A section of a book
5	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
5	characteristics	Features that identify something or someone
5	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
5	chronological order	A list of events in the order in which they occur.
5	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
5	clause	A group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a compound or complex sentence. A distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document.
5	climax	Most exciting moment of the story turning point
5	coherent	Logical and clear.
5	collaborate	Working together toward a common goal.
5	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
5	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
5	complexity	Something with a lot of pieces, something not easy to put into words or understand.
5	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
5	concept	A general idea or thought.
5	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
5	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
5	conjunction	A word or expression that joins together sentences, clauses, phrases, or words
5	connotation/connotative	A meaning suggested by a word or an expression in addition to its exact meaning
5	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
5	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
5	contraction	The shortening of a word or word group by omitting letters and replacing them with an apostrophe
5	contrast	An examination of how two or more things are different
5	contribute	To give for a purpose.
5	convention/conventional	Things that are normal, ordinary, and following the accepted way.
5	conversation	An exchange of ideas between two or more people
5	correlative conjunctions	Pairs of words that connect words, phrases or clauses.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
5	culture	The knowledge and values shared by a society
5	database	An organized body of related information
5	declarative sentence	A sentence in the form of a statement
5	definition	The meaning of a word, phrase, or term, as in a dictionary entry
5	denotation	A term or label that indicates something
5	dependent clause	A group of words that has both a subject and a verb but (unlike an independent clause) cannot stand alone as a sentence.
5	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
5	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
5	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
5	develop	To grow or cause to grow
5	dialect	A form of a language that is spoken in a specific region or by a specific group of people.
5	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
5	diary	A personal, daily account of an individual's experiences and feelings
5	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
5	digital sources	An electronic reference used to gather or produce information.
5	direct object	A grammatical object that is the main goal or the result of the action of a verb
5	direct quotation	A report of the exact words of an author or speaker
5	document	A written or printed paper, often of a legal or official nature, that provides information, evidence, or proof of something.
5	domain	A particular environment or walk of life
5	draft	To draw up a preliminary outline, picture or plan
5	drama	A type of literature which is meant to be performed (play, reader's theater)
5	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
5	editing	To correct and revise
5	effect	Identifies the result of a cause
5	efficiently	Operating or working in a way that gets results, with little wasted effort.
5	elaborate	To add details to something; explain more fully
5	encyclopedia	A book or set of books giving information on all subjects, alphabetically arranged
5	etymology	The history of a word shown by tracing it or its parts back to the earliest known forms
5	events	Something that happens
5	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
5	exaggeration	To make an overstatement or to stretch the truth
5	example	Something or someone that is used as a model

Grade Level	Word	Definition
5	excerpt	A passage or segment taken from a text...phrase, sentence, paragraph, or chapter.
5	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
5	explicit	Said or written in a clear and direct way.
5	expository text	A text type that seeks to explain or inform
5	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
5	fable	A short story with a moral (lesson), often with animal characters
5	fact	A statement that can be proven
5	fallacy	A false or misleading idea or notion
5	feeling	Full of or expressing emotion or sensitivity; sympathetic
5	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
5	field guide	An illustrated book that provides descriptions of plants or animals found in nature
5	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words
5	firsthand	From the source; directly.
5	fluently	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
5	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
5	folktale	A cultural story passed down from generations
5	footnote	A printed note or definition placed below the text at the bottom of the page or the back of the book
5	foreshadowing	A writer's use of hints or clues to suggest events that will occur later in the plot.
5	formal English	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
5	formal essay	Has an opening paragraph to tell the reader what you will tell them, at least 3 body paragraphs, and a closing paragraph to summarize what you just told them
5	format	To arrange or organize so that a particular appearance is achieved.
5	freewrite	writing done with little or no attention to rules of grammar or sentence structure
5	generalization	A statement or idea that is general or nonspecific.
5	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
5	gesture	A movement of one's body or face that shows feeling or thought.
5	glossary	An alphabetical listing of key words from a book and their definitions with page numbers where the word appears
5	graph	A drawing or diagram that shows the relationship between numbers using pictures, bars, or lines
5	graphic novel	A type of comic book, usually with a lengthy and complex storyline
5	guidance	Advice
5	heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis
5	historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past

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5	homograph	Two or more words that are spelled the same but have different pronunciations and unrelated meanings.
5	homonym	Two or more words that are spelled and pronounced the same but have different meanings.
5	hyperbole	A figure of speech in which a statement is exaggerated for emphasis or for humorous effect.
5	ideas	Any thought or picture formed in the mind.
5	idiom	A phrase or expression in which the meaning is different than the literal meaning of the words
5	illustrations	A picture or drawing used to explain or decorate a book or other written material.
5	imagery	Language that appeals to the senses...sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.
5	impression	A clear and telling mental image
5	independently	On your own; without outside help
5	index	A list, found in the back of a book, giving the location of every important idea, term, definition, person, and place mentioned in the text
5	inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning
5	influence	The power or invisible action of a thing or person that causes some kind of effect on another.
5	informal English	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
5	information	Knowledge or facts that come from a source.
5	informative essay	An essay written to inform the reader.
5	insert	To put or cause to be put in, into, or within.
5	integrate	To bring together and mix into a whole.
5	interaction	Action of one upon another or others; action in response to others; influence, or effect
5	interjection	A word or expression that shows strong feeling
5	Interpret	To translate, analyze, or give examples drawn from a text.
5	interrogative sentence	A sentence that asks a question
5	interview	An inquiry of a person by one who is seeking information or conducting a survey.
5	introduction	Writing at the beginning of a selection that tells you what will come.
5	introductory element	It is the information at the beginning of a sentence, that prepares or orients the reader for a sentence's independent clause.
5	investigate	To look into carefully and closely so as to learn the facts; examine.
5	italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
5	key details	Important or essential pieces of information including facts, statements, examples, explanations, and descriptions.
5	keyboard	The rows of letters and numbers you use to make digital text on a computer.
5	knowledgeable	Having information or knowledge; familiar.
5	label	Identifying or classifying an item or group

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5	legend	A story handed down for generations in a culture; believed to be based in history, but can't be verified
5	level	Position in height, stage, or rank.
5	linking verb	A verb that connects a subject to the words that tell about the subject
5	literal	Ordinary, exact, or primary meaning of a word or words; not figurative or metaphorical.
5	literary	Having to do with literature or those who write or read literature.
5	literary device	A technique used to achieve a particular effect, such as descriptive/figurative language.
5	literary element	Includes all the elements in a story; setting, characters, plot (problem, solution, conclusion)
5	literature	Writings that have lasting value
5	locate	To find the position or place of.
5	log	A record of performance, events or day-to-day activities
5	logical	Something that makes sense; reasonable.
5	magazine	A type of thin book with large pages and a paper cover which contains articles and photographs and is published every week or month
5	main idea/main point	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
5	major event	An important incident that occurs
5	make-believe	To pretend, imagine
5	map	A drawing or other representation of all or part of the earth's surface showing countries, bodies of water, cities, mountains, etc.
5	margin	The part of a page outside the main body of printed or written matter
5	media source	Information that can be obtained through newspapers, magazines, books, television programs, movies, radio broadcasts, CDs, and internet sites are all media sources.
5	memorize	to learn completely so as to hold in the memory.
5	metaphor	A comparison of two things that have something in common...it states one thing is something else.
5	middle sound	The phonetic sound found in the middle of a word
5	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
5	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
5	multimedia	The combination of sound, still pictures, and video.
5	multiple meaning	When something has more than one meaning
5	multi-syllabic	A word with more than one syllable
5	mystery	A movie, play, book, or other piece of writing that is usually about a crime.
5	myth	A traditional story told to explain the customs and beliefs of a society
5	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
5	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.

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5	news	Information about something that has happened recently
5	novel	A printed and bound book of fiction
5	object	Something that is the target of thought or feeling
5	observation	The action or process of observing something or someone carefully or in order to gain information.
5	onomatopoeia	The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning.
5	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
5	oral/orally	Spoken, rather than written; carried out by speaking.
5	organization	to set in order; arrange in a particular way.
5	outcomes	a result of something.
5	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
5	page orientation	The direction in which your page is turned, landscape or portrait
5	pamphlet	A small, thin, unbound book made up of sheets of paper stapled or stitched together and usually having a paper cover
5	paraphrase	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
5	parenthesis	either of a pair of punctuation marks (). They are used to enclose information that is not part of the main sentence.
5	parts of speech	a class of words (as adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, interjections, nouns, prepositions, pronouns, or verbs) identified according to the kinds of ideas they express and the way they work in a sentence
5	passage	A piece of writing
5	personification	To give human qualities to something that isn't human.
5	perspective	A position from which something is considered or evaluated; standpoint.
5	persuade/persuasive	To talk someone into doing or believing something; convince
5	phonics	Teaching reading by training beginners to associate letters with their sound values
5	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
5	plagiarism	To steal and pass off (as the ideas or words of another) as one's own
5	planning	the act of figuring out how to do something ahead of time.
5	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
5	poem/poetry	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
5	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
5	points	The meaning or purpose of a statement or action.
5	PowerPoint	A software program which allows users to create slideshow presentations
5	precise	Exact
5	predicate	The part of a sentence or clause that expresses what is said about the subject
5	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)

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5	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
5	preposition	A word that combines with a noun or pronoun to form a phrase that usually acts as an adverb, adjective, or noun
5	prepositional phrase	a phrase that is made up of a preposition, its object, and any modifiers of this object, and that functions as an adjective or adverb, such as "of the house" or "under the bed"
5	present tense	a tense that expresses action or state in the present time
5	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
5	proficiently	having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude
5	prompt	To lead to do something
5	proverb	a short saying in popular use that expresses a common truth or wisdom.
5	punctuation	Question marks, periods, and other marks used in writing to help make the meaning clear.
5	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
5	quotation mark	One of a pair of punctuation marks " " or ` ` used chiefly to indicate the beginning and the end of a direct quotation
5	quote/quotation	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
5	reason	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
5	recite	Repeat aloud or declaim (a poem or passage) from memory before an audience.
5	reference	The act of referring or consulting
5	reference materials	Text containing facts and information, items that you can look at to find information
5	reflect/reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
5	relationships	The way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected.
5	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
5	report	To tell about what happened
5	re-reading	To read again
5	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
5	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
5	resource	Something that you can use to help achieve a goal
5	respond	to answer or give a reply in some way.
5	restatement	Something that is stated again in another way
5	review	Looking at or looking over again
5	revise	To correct or edit so as to improve
5	rewriting	to write again using different words or a different form or style; revise.
5	rhythm	The pattern of beats, or stresses, in spoken or written language

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5	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
5	scan/skim	to read or look over quickly.
5	scene	The place in which any event, real or imagined, occurs
5	scientific	conforming with the principles or methods used in science
5	search engine	a software program that searches a database or network, esp. the Internet, for data, files, or documents containing terms specified by the user.
5	secondhand	not from the original source.
5	sensory words	Adjectives pertaining to the five senses---taste, touch, smell, sight, hear
5	sequence of events	A text structure in which one event or action follows another
5	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
5	similar	being almost the same as something else.
5	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
5	skills	the power or ability to perform a task well, especially because of training or practice.
5	speech	The communication or expression of thoughts in spoken words
5	stage directions	An instruction written into, or added to, the script of a play, directing actors' movements, scenery arrangement, and the like
5	stanza	A fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem
5	strengthen	to make or grow strong or stronger.
5	structure	the way in which such a thing is joined together.
5	style	the manner in which something is said or done.
5	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
5	summary sentence	A sentence that restates the main idea of a paragraph
5	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
5	superlative	Having to do with the form of adjectives and adverbs that indicates the highest or most extreme degree of comparison
5	supporting details	Sentences in a paragraph or piece of text that explain or support the main idea of the text
5	syllabication pattern	Designated patterns to follow when trying to determine where the word breaks into syllables.
5	symbolize	The use of something concrete that is used to represent something more than itself.
5	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
5	syntax	The way in which words are put together to form phrases, sentences, and clauses
5	table of contents	A listing by page number of the main topics of a book, usually found in the front of the book
5	technical text	A text type that gives directions or explains a procedure to complete a specific task
5	text features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.
5	text structure	The pattern or arrangement of ideas in a text passage

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5	thank-you note	A note of gratitude for what was received
5	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
5	thesaurus	A book that lists words with their synonyms or antonyms.
5	thesis statement	The sentence or two in your text that contains the focus of your essay and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.
5	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
5	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
5	topic sentence	The sentence that expresses the main idea of a paragraph
5	traits	A quality that sets one person or thing off from another
5	transition	A changing from one state, stage, place, or subject to another
5	transitional words	Words that are used in a paragraph proofs to help to make the logic clear.
5	verb	A word that expresses action or a state of being
5	verb tense	The aspect of verbs that shows when an action takes place. Verbs can be in past, present, or future tense.
5	verse	A line of writing in which words are arranged in a rhythmic pattern
5	versions	a description or report in a particular style or from one point of view.
5	visual	Having to do with or using pictures or video.
5	word processing	The creation, input, editing, and production of documents and texts by means of computer systems.

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6	abstract	A brief summary or statement of the contents of a book, article, or formal speech.
6	accentuate	To give more emphasis to; draw attention to.
6	accurate/accuracy	Free from mistakes or error; flawless
6	active voice	The verb form (or voice) in which the subject of the sentence performs or causes the action expressed by the verb.
6	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
6	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
6	alphabetical order	Arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet.
6	ambiguity	Uncertainty or vagueness in meaning, intention, or the like.
6	analogy	A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
6	analysis/analyze	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
6	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
6	application	An act of putting to use, or a form used for making a request
6	appositive	A noun, noun phrase, or series of nouns placed next to another word or phrase to identify or rename it.
6	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
6	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
6	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
6	audio	Having to do with or using sound.
6	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
6	base word	A complete word that can stand alone without a prefix or suffix.
6	bias	A preference that prevents one from being impartial; prejudice
6	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
6	boldface	A word or words in darker type than the surrounding text, used to help signal that the word is more important.
6	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
6	cause	Identifies the "why" of an event
6	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
6	central idea	The main thought or focus of a work of writing
6	characteristics	Features that identify something or someone
6	characterize	to point out or describe the character of an individual or group
6	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...

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6	chronological order	A list of events in the order in which they occur.
6	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
6	claim	To state (something) as true although not proven to be; assert, contend.
6	classification	The act of distributing things into classes or categories
6	classified ad	A short ad in the newspaper or a magazine
6	clause	A group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a compound or complex sentence. A distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document.
6	climax	Most exciting moment of the story turning point
6	cluster	A group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely together
6	collaborate/collaboration	Working together toward a common goal.
6	comma splice	The error of using a comma between coordinate main clauses not connected by a conjunction -- called also comma fault
6	common noun	A noun that refers to any of a class of people or things
6	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
6	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
6	complex sentence	A sentence with multiple clauses
6	complimentary	Expressing or giving praise.
6	compound-complex sentence	A sentence with two or more independent clauses and at least one dependent clause
6	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
6	concept	A general idea or thought.
6	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
6	conclusive	Serving to reach a final answer or decision, or to settle.
6	concrete details	Explicit details adding to the visual perception of the text, describes in great detail how things might feel, smell, look like, sound like, and/or taste like.
6	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
6	congruent	Exactly the same in shape and size.
6	conjunction	A word or expression that joins together sentences, clauses, phrases, or words
6	connotation	A meaning suggested by a word or an expression in addition to its exact meaning
6	consistent	Having a regular style or pattern; not changing.
6	consult	To look to for advice or information.
6	consumer documents	Printed materials that accompany products and services...manuals, instructions, warranties, etc.
6	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
6	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
6	contrast	An examination of how two or more things are different

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6	contribute	To give for a purpose.
6	convention/conventional	Things that are normal, ordinary, and following the accepted way.
6	convey	To communicate; express.
6	coupon	A small, printed slip of paper that gives someone a discount
6	credible/credibility	Believable or plausible.
6	debate	A verbal argument
6	definition	The meaning of a word, phrase, or term, as in a dictionary entry
6	demonstrate	To show how to do something.
6	denotation	A term or label that indicates something
6	describe/description	To tell or write about something, giving a clear image
6	descriptive language	Words intended to create a mood, person, place, thing, event, emotion, or experience.
6	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
6	develop/development	To grow or cause to grow
6	diagram	A plan, sketch, drawing, or outline designed to demonstrate or explain how something works
6	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
6	difference/different	Not the same; not alike.
6	discussion	The act or an instance of talking or writing about something.
6	distinct	different or set apart; separate
6	distinguishing	To tell apart by seeing differences
6	document/documentation	A written or printed paper, often of a legal or official nature, that provides information, evidence, or proof of something.
6	drama	A type of literature which is meant to be performed (play, reader's theater)
6	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
6	editing	To correct and revise
6	elaborate	To add details to something; explain more fully
6	emotion	A strong feeling such as joy, hatred, sorrow, or fear.
6	enunciation	To speak or pronounce in a clear voice.
6	episode	A part of a dramatic work.
6	event	Something that happens
6	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
6	evolve	To develop, achieve, or devise gradually.
6	excerpt	A passage or segment taken from a text...phrase, sentence, paragraph, or chapter.
6	experience	Something that a person has done or lived through.
6	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable

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6	explicit	Said or written in a clear and direct way.
6	exposition	Writing or speech primarily intended to convey information or to explain; a detailed statement or explanation
6	expository text	A text type that seeks to explain or inform
6	express/expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
6	external conflict	A struggle against an outside force, which may be another character, society, or nature.
6	facts	A statement that can be proven
6	falling action	In the plot, this action occurs after the climax, when conflicts are resolved and problems solved.
6	fantasy	A story containing unreal, imaginary features like talking animals or fairies
6	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words
6	figure of speech	An expression with a special meaning
6	fluency	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
6	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
6	foreshadowing	A writer's use of hints or clues to suggest events that will occur later in the plot.
6	formal English	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
6	format	To arrange or organize so that a particular appearance is achieved.
6	fragment	A part that is broken off or incomplete
6	functional materials	A form of informational nonfiction...websites, how-to-articles, brochures, fliers, etc.
6	generalization	A statement or idea that is general or nonspecific.
6	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
6	glossary	An alphabetical listing of key words from a book and their definitions with page numbers where the word appears
6	graph	A drawing or diagram that shows the relationship between numbers using pictures, bars, or lines
6	graphics	Charts, maps, drawings, and other images used in printed works such as books and magazines.
6	guide letters	Words at the top of a dictionary page which help locate words
6	heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis
6	headline	The title over an item or article in a newspaper
6	historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past
6	how-to essay	An essay that describes how to complete a task, usually by using a set of instructions
6	hyperbole	A figure of speech in which a statement is exaggerated for emphasis or for humorous effect.
6	idiom	A phrase or expression in which the meaning is different than the literal meaning of the words
6	illustrate	To make something more clear or visible.
6	Imagery	Language that appeals to the senses...sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

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6	images	Pictures
6	impact	To have a strong effect upon someone or something.
6	impression	A clear and telling mental image
6	indefinite pronoun	A pronoun that is used for non-specific things. Example: All, some, any, several, anyone, nobody, each, both, few, either, none, one and no one
6	independent clause	A clause that can function independently as a complete sentence
6	index	A list, found in the back of a book, giving the location of every important idea, term, definition, person, and place mentioned in the text
6	individual	A single thing or person
6	inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning
6	infinitive phrase	A phrase containing an infinitive as its main or only verb form
6	informal English	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
6	informational nonfiction	Writing that provides factual information and that often explains ideas or teaches processes.
6	inquiry	A question or request for information.
6	instructions	How to do something
6	integrate	To bring together and mix into a whole.
6	intensive pronoun	Pronouns that are used for emphasis. They are formed by adding "-self" or "-selves" to an appropriate pronoun. Like myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves etc.
6	interact	To respond to one another in a social situation.
6	interjection	A word or expression that shows strong feeling
6	internal conflict	A struggle between opposing needs, desires, or emotions within a single character.
6	interpret	To translate, analyze, or give examples drawn from a text.
6	introduction	Writing at the beginning of a selection that tells you what will come.
6	investigation	To look into carefully and closely so as to learn the facts; examine.
6	irony	A contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or happens.
6	italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
6	journalistic	Having the characteristics of journalists or journalism.
6	judgment	An opinion formed after carefully studying all of the information.
6	keyboarding	The act of typing on a keyboard
6	limerick	A humorous poem five lines long in which the first, second, and fifth lines have one rhyme and the third and fourth another.
6	literary device	A technique used to achieve a particular effect, such as descriptive/figurative language.
6	literary element	Includes all the elements in a story; setting, characters, plot (problem, solution, conclusion)
6	literary nonfiction	Like fiction, except that the characters, setting, and plot are real rather than imaginary.

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6	literature	Writings that have lasting value
6	logical	Something that makes sense; reasonable.
6	main clause	A clause that can function independently as a sentence
6	main idea/main point	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
6	major character	An important character in a story, poem, or play
6	major event	An important incident that occurs
6	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.
6	medium	A channel or system of communication.
6	memo	A short written note to help a person remember something
6	metaphor	A comparison of two things that have something in common...it states one thing is something else.
6	minor character	character who plays a small role in the story; A less important character
6	minor event	Event(s) in a narrative passage that may or may not have any impact on the action or plot of
6	modifier	A word (as an adjective or adverb) or group of words (as a phrase or clause) used with another word or group of words to limit its meaning
6	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
6	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
6	multiple meanings	When something has more than one meaning
6	myth	A traditional story told to explain the customs and beliefs of a society
6	narrate	To tell the tale or give an account of; relate.
6	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
6	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.
6	negative	A word or statement that expresses denial, disagreement, or refusal.
6	neutral	Not helping or supporting either of two opposing sides.
6	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
6	nonrestrictive element	A word, phrase, or dependent clause that provides added information to a sentence but does not limit the element it modifies.
6	noun clause/noun phrase	A group of words functioning as a noun.
6	novel	A printed and bound book of fiction
6	objective pronoun	The direct or indirect object of a verb, or the object of a preposition.
6	onomatopoeia	The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning.
6	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
6	orally	Spoken, rather than written; carried out by speaking.
6	organization	to set in order; arrange in a particular way.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
6	organizational patterns	Text structures found in all types of nonfiction and some fiction.
6	parable	A short, simple story that illustrates a moral
6	paragraph	A group of sentences about the same topic
6	parallelism	In writing, the use of similarity in construction and form within a unit such as a sentence, paragraph, or stanza, or an instance of this.
6	paraphrasing	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
6	part of speech	A class of words (as adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, interjections, nouns, prepositions, pronouns, or verbs) identified according to the kinds of ideas they express and the way they work in a sentence
6	personification	To give human qualities to something that isn't human.
6	perspective	A position from which something is considered or evaluated; standpoint.
6	persuade/persuasive	To talk someone into doing or believing something; convince
6	pertinent	Having to do with or connected to a subject; relevant.
6	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
6	picture book	A book with many illustrations, or pictures
6	plagiarism	To steal and pass off (as the ideas or words of another) as one's own
6	planning	the act of figuring out how to do something ahead of time.
6	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
6	plural possessive	A word form used to indicate possession by more than one
6	poem/poetry	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
6	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
6	possessive pronoun	Pronouns that demonstrate ownership.
6	positive	A good, affirmative, or constructive quality or attribute.
6	precise	Exact
6	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
6	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
6	preposition	A word that combines with a noun or pronoun to form a phrase that usually acts as an adverb, adjective, or noun
6	present participle	A form of a verb ending in "-ing" that either shows action going on, that an action is taking place, or that action will happen in the future.
6	present tense	A tense that expresses action or state in the present time
6	presentation	a show or display; the act of presenting something to an audience
6	primary source	An original source of the information being discussed such as a person with direct knowledge of a situation, or a document created by such a person.

Grade Level	Word	Definition
6	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
6	process essay	An essay that describes how to do something or how to complete a task
6	project	any activity that takes great effort or planning.
6	pronoun	A word that is used as a substitute for a noun
6	pronunciation	The ability to use the correct stress, rhythm, and intonation of a word in a spoken language.
6	protagonist	The main character in fiction or drama...the person who sets the plot in motion.
6	publication	A book, journal, etc. issued for public sale.
6	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
6	quotation mark	One of a pair of punctuation marks " " or ` ` used chiefly to indicate the beginning and the end of a direct quotation
6	quote	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
6	reaction	an action or response to something that has happened or has been done.
6	reason	a cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
6	reference materials	Text containing facts and information, items that you can look at to find information
6	reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
6	relevant/relevance	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
6	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
6	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
6	restatement/rewriting	Something that is stated again in another way
6	resumé	A short account of one's career and qualifications for a job
6	revising	To correct or edit so as to improve
6	rising action	The events in a story that move the plot forward, which involves conflicts and complications.
6	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
6	rough draft	A rough or preliminary sketch of a piece of writing, or a version still subject to revision
6	scene	The place in which any event, real or imagined, occurs
6	selection	a passage selected from a larger work
6	sensory details	Adjectives pertaining to the five senses---taste, touch, smell, sight, hear
6	sequence	A text structure in which one event or action follows another
6	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
6	shades of meaning	Small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
6	similarities	The quality of being alike
6	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
6	simple sentence	A sentence that only has one clause

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6	source	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
6	stanza	A fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem
6	stereotype	A standardized mental picture that represents an oversimplified opinion, attitude, or uncritical judgment
6	subject	The person or thing being discussed
6	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
6	suggest	to tell someone what you think is a good idea to do.
6	summary sentence/summary statement	A sentence that restates the main idea of a paragraph
6	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
6	supporting details	Sentences in a paragraph or piece of text that explain or support the main idea of the text
6	suspense	Pleasant excitement caused by wondering what will happen
6	symbolism	The use of something concrete that is used to represent something more than itself.
6	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
6	table	A type of graphic aid that presents a group of facts in rows and columns.
6	table of contents	A listing by page number of the main topics of a book, usually found in the front of the book
6	task	a piece of work to be done; duty.
6	technical text	A text type that gives directions or explains a procedure to complete a specific task
6	text	Words that appear in anything written or printed.
6	text box	A box for text that can be placed and formatted independently of other text.
6	text features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.
6	text structure	The pattern or arrangement of ideas in a text passage
6	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
6	thesaurus	A book that lists words with their synonyms or antonyms.
6	thesis paper	An essay presenting the results of original research
6	thesis statement	The sentence or two in your text that contains the focus of your essay and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.
6	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
6	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
6	topic sentence	The sentence that expresses the main idea of a paragraph
6	transition	A changing from one state, stage, place, or subject to another
6	vague pronoun	A pronoun for which it's not clear which noun it refers to.
6	valid/validity	based on truth, fact, or logic.
6	verse	A line of writing in which words are arranged in a rhythmic pattern

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6	visualize	To form a picture of in the mind
6	word play	A playful use of words
6	workplace document	Materials that are produced or used within a work setting.

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7	academic	Having to do with school or what you learn in school.
7	acknowledge	To admit the truth or existence of.
7	acquire	To get or come to have as one's own.
7	address	To give attention to; deal with.
7	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
7	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
7	allusion	A passing or casual reference; an incidental mention of something
7	alter	To make different in some way; change.
7	ambiguous	Having more than one possible meaning.
7	analogy	A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
7	analysis/analyze	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
7	antagonist	A principal character or force in opposition to a protagonist, or main character.
7	antecedents	The word(s) to which a pronoun refers.
7	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
7	aphorism	A short statement of a general truth or idea
7	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
7	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
7	assonance	The repetition of vowel sounds in nearby words.
7	attitude	A way of feeling or thinking about something or someone.
7	audio	Having to do with or using sound.
7	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
7	base word	A complete word that can stand alone without a prefix or suffix.
7	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
7	blog	An online journal where people post about their experience
7	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
7	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
7	central idea	The main thought or focus of a work of literature.
7	character development	The method(s) a writer uses to create and develop characters.
7	character traits	Features that identify the character
7	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
7	chronological order	Events are presented in the order in which they occur
7	cite/citation	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),

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7	claim	To state (something) as true although not proven to be; assert, contend.
7	classification	The act of distributing things into classes or categories
7	clause	A group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a compound or complex sentence. A distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document.
7	cliché	An overly used expression or idea
7	coherent	Logical and clear.
7	cohesion	To lump, hold, or stick together.
7	collaborate	Working together toward a common goal.
7	collegial	A work environment where responsibility and authority is shared equally by colleagues.
7	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
7	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
7	complex sentence	A sentence with multiple clauses
7	component	A part of something.
7	compose	To create or write
7	compound sentence	A sentence containing two or more independent clauses.
7	compound-complex sentence	A sentence with two or more independent clauses and at least one dependent clause
7	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
7	concept	A general idea or thought.
7	concise	Saying much in a few words; short and to the point.
7	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
7	concrete details	Explicit details adding to the visual perception of the text, describes in great detail how things might feel, smell, look like, sound like, and/or taste like.
7	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
7	connotation	A meaning suggested by a word or an expression in addition to its exact meaning
7	consonance	The repetition of consonants (or consonant patterns) especially at the ends of words
7	consult	To look to for advice or information.
7	consumer documents	Printed materials that accompany products and services...manuals, instructions, warranties, etc.
7	content	Whatever is held or contained in something.
7	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
7	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
7	contribute	To give for a purpose.
7	convention/conventional	Things that are normal, ordinary, and following the accepted way.
7	convey	To communicate; express.
7	credible/credibility	Believable or plausible.

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7	dash	A punctuation mark -- that is used to indicate an abrupt pause or break in the thought or structure of a sentence
7	delineate	To describe or portray in precise or vivid detail.
7	demonstrate	To show how to do something.
7	denotation	A term or label that indicates something
7	dependent clause	A group of words that has both a subject and a verb but (unlike an independent clause) cannot stand alone as a sentence.
7	descriptive language	Words intended to create a mood, person, place, thing, event, emotion, or experience.
7	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
7	develop	To grow or cause to grow
7	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
7	distinguish	To tell apart by seeing differences
7	diverse	Of different kinds or sorts.
7	domain	A particular environment or walk of life
7	drama	A type of literature which is meant to be performed (play, reader's theater)
7	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
7	edit/editing	To correct and revise
7	elaborate	To add details to something; explain more fully
7	elicit	To draw or bring out.
7	emphasis/emphasize	To give particular attention to; stress.
7	engage	To get or hold the interest of
7	enhance	To improve or add to the quality, value, or attractiveness of.
7	enunciate	To speak or pronounce in a clear voice.
7	etymology	The history of a word shown by tracing it or its parts back to the earliest known forms
7	evaluate	To judge the value or worth of someone or something
7	events	Something that happens
7	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
7	excerpt	A passage or segment taken from a text...phrase, sentence, paragraph, or chapter.
7	explain/explanation	To make clear, plain, or understandable
7	explicit	Said or written in a clear and direct way.
7	exposition	Writing or speech primarily intended to convey information or to explain; a detailed statement or explanation
7	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
7	external conflict	A struggle against an outside force, which may be another character, society, or nature.

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7	fact	A statement that can be proven
7	falling action	In the plot, this action occurs after the climax, when conflicts are resolved and problems solved.
7	fiction/fictional	A story that is not true or is made up
7	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words
7	film	A movie.
7	first person	A set of words or forms (as pronouns or verb forms) referring to the person speaking or writing them
7	fluent/fluency	The ability to speak or write smoothly and easily
7	focus	To direct one's attention or efforts towards one thing; concentrate.
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7	irony	A contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or happens.
7	journalism	The work of collecting news and information and giving it out to the public through newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other media.
7	key	Main; primary; essential.
7	link/hyperlink	Text or an image that when clicked on, causes a web page or another point on the same page to be displayed on the computer screen.
7	listing	Pieces of information (facts, reasons, ideas, examples, features, steps, etc.) that are listed.
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7	medium	A means or tool.
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7	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
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7	objective	not influenced by personal feelings or opinions.
7	omniscient	Having total knowledge
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7	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
7	paraphrasing	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
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7	parenthetical element	Words, phrases, or clauses that are not necessary to the completeness of the structure or meaning of the sentence.
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7	pertinent	Having to do with or connected to a subject; relevant.
7	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
7	plagiarize	To steal and pass off (as the ideas or words of another) as one's own
7	planning	the act of figuring out how to do something ahead of time.
7	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
7	poem/poetry	A piece of writing in a special form, style, and language, often expressing emotion.
7	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
7	possessive	Shows ownership, or a similar relation
7	precise	Stated in a clear way and with details.

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7	predicate noun	Noun (or noun phrase) that is used to predicate a description or identification of the subject
7	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
7	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
7	preliminary	Coming before, so as to prepare for something else.
7	presentation	a show or display; the act of presenting something to an audience
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7	probe	Question or examine thoroughly and closely
7	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
7	produce/production	To put together and present for the public to enjoy.
7	project	Any activity that takes great effort or planning.
7	pronunciation	The act or manner of saying the sounds of words.
7	prospective	Likely or intended to become.
7	protagonist	The main character in fiction or drama...the person who sets the plot in motion.
7	publish	To prepare and issue (printed material) for public distribution or sale
7	pun	Play on multiple meanings of a word or on two words that sound alike but have different meanings.
7	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
7	quantitatively	Of, concerning, or capable of being measured or expressed as, a quantity.
7	question/answer	When the author poses questions about a topic, then provides support to answer them.
7	quotation mark	A punctuation mark " " or ` ` used to identify spoken or quoted words
7	quote/quotation	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
7	reasoning	the process of using reason to draw conclusions based on a premise or known facts.
7	redundant	Unnecessarily repetitive.
7	reference materials	Text containing facts and information, items that you can look at to find information
7	reflect/reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
7	reflexive pronoun	A pronoun that is preceded by the noun, adjective, adverb or pronoun to which it refers (its antecedent) within the same clause.
7	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
7	repetition	The act or process of doing something over and over again
7	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic
7	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
7	revise/revision	To correct or edit so as to improve
7	rewriting	To write again using different words or a different form or style; revise.

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7	rising action	The events in a story that move the plot forward, which involves conflicts and complications.
7	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
7	rough draft	A rough or preliminary sketch of a piece of writing, or a version still subject to revision
7	run-on sentence	A sentence formed from two or more sentences improperly joined
7	salient	Extremely noticeable or prominent; conspicuous; important.
7	sarcasm	A form of verbal irony, usually harsh, that is often used as an insult.
7	scene	The place in which any event, real or imagined, occurs
7	search engine	A software program that searches a database or network, esp. the Internet, for data, files, or documents containing terms specified by the user.
7	second person	The category of pronouns, inflections, and the like that indicates the person being spoken to
7	secondary source	Documents or recordings that relate or discuss information originally presented elsewhere.
7	selection	A passage selected from a larger work
7	sensory language	Wording that describes how something feels, tastes, looks, or sounds.
7	sequence	A pattern or process in which one thing follows another.
7	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
7	shades of meaning	small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
7	similarities	The quality of being alike
7	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
7	simple sentence	A sentence that only has one clause
7	soliloquy	A speech voicing his or her own thoughts as if to himself.
7	sonnet	A poem of fourteen lines that usually rhymes in set ways
7	sound	Sensible; logically valid
7	source	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
7	specific	Special or unique to something.
7	stage	A raised floor in a theater.
7	stanza	A fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem
7	strategic	Relating to an elaborate and systematic plan of action
7	subjective	Affected or shaped by personal experience, beliefs, and feelings.
7	sufficient	Enough; as much as needed.
7	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
7	summary statement	A general statement that presents the main points or facts in condensed form.
7	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
7	support	To provide proof or evidence for
7	symbolism	The use of something concrete that is used to represent something more than itself.

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7	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
7	table	A type of graphic aid that presents a group of facts in rows and columns.
7	tale	A story about an imaginary event
7	technical language	Written or oral communication that has specialized content.
7	technology	The use of science in solving problems
7	text box	A box for text that can be placed and formatted independently of other text.
7	text features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.
7	text structure	The pattern or arrangement of ideas in a text passage
7	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
7	thesaurus	A book that lists words with their synonyms or antonyms.
7	thesis statement	The sentence or two in your text that contains the focus of your essay and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.
7	third person	A set of words or forms (as verb forms or pronouns) referring to someone or something that is neither the speaker or writer of the utterance in which they occur nor the one to whom that utterance is addressed
7	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
7	trace	To discover through investigation.
7	transitions	A changing from one state, stage, place, or subject to another
7	URL	The address of a web page on the world wide web
7	vague	Unclear in conveying; unintentionally or intentionally unspecific or ambiguous.
7	valid/validity	based on truth, fact, or logic.
7	variety	A number of different things in a group or class.
7	viewpoint	An opinion
7	voice	The relationship between a sentence's subject and verb (active and passive voice).
7	warranted	To serve as reasonable grounds, adequate reason, or justification for.
7	workplace document	Materials that are produced or used within a work setting.
7	world literature	Literature that is circulated beyond its country of origin

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8	academic	Having to do with school or what you learn in school.
8	accurate/accuracy	Free from mistakes or error; flawless
8	acknowledge	To admit the truth or existence of.
8	active voice	The verb form (or voice) in which the subject of the sentence performs or causes the action expressed by the verb.
8	adjective clause	A clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun
8	adjective phrase	A word group with an adjective at its head
8	advantages	The good or benefit that is gained from something.
8	adverb clause	A dependent clause used as an adverb in a sentence to indicate time, place, condition, contrast, concession, reason, purpose, or result.
8	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
8	allegory	A story with characters and events that are symbols representing truths about human life
8	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
8	allusion	A passing or casual reference; an incidental mention of something
8	analogy	A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
8	analyze/analysis	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
8	anecdote	A short account of a particular incident or event
8	antagonist	A principal character or force in opposition to a protagonist, or main character.
8	antecedents	The word(s) to which a pronoun refers.
8	antithesis	The exact opposite
8	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
8	apostrophe	A mark ' used to show that letters or figures are missing
8	application	An act of putting to use, or a form used for making a request
8	appositive	Of, relating to, or being in apposition.
8	appropriate	Right for a certain time and place; proper.
8	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
8	aspect	A part or feature of something
8	assess	To set or try to find the importance or value of; evaluate; estimate.
8	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
8	base word	A complete word that can stand alone without a prefix or suffix.
8	bias	A personal judgment either for or against a particular person, position, or thing.
8	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
8	blog	An online journal where people post about their experience

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8	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture
8	career	The work a person chooses to do through life.
8	category	Belonging to a certain group of things
8	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
8	central idea	The main thought or focus of a work of literature.
8	chapter	A section of a book
8	character development	The method(s) a writer uses to create and develop characters.
8	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
8	chronological order	Events are presented in the order in which they occur
8	citation page	A page dedicated to recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage
8	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
8	claim	To state (something) as true although not proven to be; assert, contend.
8	cliché	An overly used expression or idea
8	climax	Most exciting moment of the story turning point
8	coherent	Logical and clear.
8	cohesion	To lump, hold, or stick together.
8	collaborate	Working together toward a common goal.
8	collegial	A work environment where responsibility and authority is shared equally by colleagues.
8	colloquialism	A conversational expression
8	comma	a punctuation mark, used chiefly to show separation of words or word groups within a sentence
8	commercial	Having to do with trade or business.
8	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
8	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
8	complex	Complicated in structure; consisting of interconnected parts
8	component	A part of something.
8	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
8	concept	A general idea or thought.
8	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
8	confirm	To prove or show to be true; to make certain or definite; approve.
8	conflict/conflicting	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
8	connection	A relationship or association.
8	connotative/connotation	A meaning suggested by a word or an expression in addition to its exact meaning
8	consumer	Someone who buys goods or services.

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8	consumer documents	Printed materials that accompany products and services...manuals, instructions, warranties, etc.
8	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
8	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
8	contrast	An examination of how two or more things are different
8	contribute	To give for a purpose.
8	convention/conventional	Things that are normal, ordinary, and following the accepted way.
8	convey	To communicate; express.
8	credible	Believable or plausible.
8	critique	Review of somebody's work
8	dash	A punctuation mark -- that is used to indicate an abrupt pause or break in the thought or structure of a sentence
8	deadlines	A date or time by which something must be done.
8	delineate	To describe or portray in precise or vivid detail.
8	denotation	A term or label that indicates something
8	depart	to leave; go away.
8	descriptive language	Words intended to create a mood, person, place, thing, event, emotion, or experience.
8	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
8	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
8	develop/development	To grow or cause to grow
8	deviate	To turn away from a direct course or one that has already been set.
8	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
8	director	a person who guides the actors and directs the performance of the script for a play or movie.
8	disadvantages	A condition or situation that makes it more difficult to succeed.
8	disagree	To differ in opinion.
8	distinction	A mark or feature that makes someone or something different.
8	distinguish	To tell apart by seeing differences
8	diverse	Of different kinds or sorts.
8	document	A written or printed paper, often of a legal or official nature, that provides information, evidence, or proof of something.
8	domain-specific words	Words that fall within a certain subject. Example: Science - cell, gravity, gene
8	dramatic	Filled with action, emotion, or exciting qualities; vivid, striking
8	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
8	editing	To correct and revise
8	effective	Identifies the result of a cause

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8	elements	A part of any whole.
8	ellipsis	The leaving out of one or more words that are not necessary for a phrase to be understood
8	emphasis/emphasize	To give particular attention to; stress.
8	enhance	To improve or add to the quality, value, or attractiveness of.
8	enunciate	To speak or pronounce in a clear voice.
8	etymology	The history of a word shown by tracing it or its parts back to the earliest known forms
8	evaluate	To judge the value or worth of someone or something
8	event	Something that happens
8	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
8	examination	The act or result of close inspection or thorough evaluation.
8	excerpt	A passage or segment taken from a text...phrase, sentence, paragraph, or chapter.
8	explicit	Said or written in a clear and direct way.
8	exposition	Writing or speech primarily intended to convey information or to explain; a detailed statement or explanation
8	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
8	extended	Prolonged or continuing over a period of time.
8	extent	The area or amount to which something extends; reach or range.
8	external conflict	A struggle against an outside force, which may be another character, society, or nature.
8	fable	A short story with a moral (lesson), often with animal characters
8	fact/factual	A statement that can be proven
8	faithful	Able to be trusted or relied on.
8	falling action	In the plot, this action occurs after the climax, when conflicts are resolved and problems solved.
8	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
8	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words
8	footnote	A printed note or definition placed below the text at the bottom of the page or the back of the book
8	foreshadowing	A writer's use of hints or clues to suggest events that will occur later in the plot.
8	formal language	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
8	formal outline	Organized using a number/letter system which lists the main and supporting ideas of your essay
8	format	To arrange or organize so that a particular appearance is achieved.
8	functional materials	A form of informational nonfiction...websites, how-to-articles, brochures, fliers, etc.
8	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
8	graphics	Charts, maps, drawings, and other images used in printed works such as books and magazines.
8	header/heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis

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8	hierarchy	A body of persons or entities graded according to rank or level of authority.
8	historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past
8	homophone	Two or more words pronounced alike but different in meaning, origin, or spelling
8	hyperbole	A figure of speech in which a statement is exaggerated for emphasis or for humorous effect.
8	hypothesis	A prediction or educated guess
8	iambic pentameter	A five-beat poetic line
8	idiom	A phrase or expression in which the meaning is different than the literal meaning of the words
8	imagery	Language that appeals to the senses...sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.
8	impact	To have a strong effect upon someone or something.
8	indefinite pronoun	A pronoun that is used for non-specific things. Example: All, some, any, several, anyone, nobody, each, both, few, either, none, one and no one
8	independent	Not needing the support or advice of another person.
8	inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning
8	infinitive	The simple form of a verb that has no subject and does not show past, present or future tense
8	informal language	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
8	informational nonfiction	Writing that provides factual information and that often explains ideas or teaches processes.
8	internal conflict	A struggle between opposing needs, desires, or emotions within a single character.
8	interpret	To translate, analyze, or give examples drawn from a text.
8	irony	A contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or happens.
8	italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
8	justify	To show good reasons or cause for.
8	limitations	A weakness or shortcoming that restricts one's abilities.
8	link/hyperlink	Text or an image that when clicked on, causes a web page or another point on the same page to be displayed on the computer screen.
8	listing	Pieces of information (facts, reasons, ideas, examples, features, steps, etc.) that are listed.
8	literal/literally	Ordinary, exact, or primary meaning of a word or words; not figurative or metaphorical.
8	literary device	A technique used to achieve a particular effect, such as descriptive/figurative language.
8	literary element	Includes all the elements in a story; setting, characters, plot (problem, solution, conclusion)
8	literary nonfiction	Like fiction, except that the characters, setting, and plot are real rather than imaginary.
8	literature	Writings that have lasting value
8	logical	Something that makes sense; reasonable.
8	main idea	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
8	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.

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8	medium	A means or tool.
8	metaphor	A comparison of two things that have something in common...it states one thing is something else.
8	modern	having to do with the present or current times.
8	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
8	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
8	motive	An idea, need, desire, or impulse that causes a person to act in a particular way or do a particular thing; reason.
8	multimedia	The combination of sound, still pictures, and video.
8	multiple meanings	When something has more than one meaning
8	myth	A traditional story told to explain the customs and beliefs of a society
8	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
8	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.
8	nominative pronoun	The pronoun that is doing the action
8	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
8	objective pronoun	A pronoun that stands in for the object of a verb, a prepositional phrase, or an infinitive phrase.
8	omniscient	Having total knowledge
8	onomatopoeia	The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning...meow, buzz, splash.
8	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
8	opposing	To think, act, or be against; resist.
8	organizational patterns	Text structures found in all types of nonfiction and some fiction.
8	oxymoron	A combination of contradictory words, such as "tiny giant"
8	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
8	paradox	A statement that seems to go against common sense but may still be true
8	parallelism	In writing, the use of similarity in construction and form within a unit such as a sentence, paragraph, or stanza, or an instance of this.
8	paraphrasing	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
8	participle	A form of a verb that may function as an adjective, a noun, a preposition, or part of a verb
8	particular	being the only one in mind or referred to out of many possibilities; specific; special.
8	pathetic fallacy	The treatment of inanimate objects as if they had human feelings
8	pause	to stop for a short time.
8	personification	To give human qualities to something that isn't human.
8	perspective	A position from which something is considered or evaluated; standpoint.
8	pertinent	Having to do with or connected to a subject; relevant.
8	plagiarize	To steal and pass off (as the ideas or words of another) as one's own

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8	planning	the act of figuring out how to do something ahead of time.
8	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
8	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
8	political	Having to do with the study or practice of politics, politicians, or government.
8	possessive pronoun	A pronoun that is used to show possession. Example: my, your, his, her, its, our and their
8	precise	Stated in a clear way and with details.
8	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
8	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
8	presentation	a show or display; the act of presenting something to an audience
8	preview	To show or see ahead of time.
8	primary source	An original source of the information being discussed such as a person with direct knowledge of a situation, or a document created by such a person.
8	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
8	production	The coordination and presentation of a public performance.
8	proficient	Adept or skilled, usually as a result of study or practice.
8	prompt	To lead to do something
8	pronunciation	The act or manner of saying the sounds of words.
8	propel	To cause to move forward; thrust, push, or drive.
8	protagonist	The main character in fiction or drama...the person who sets the plot in motion.
8	provoke	To arouse or bring out.
8	publish	To prepare and issue (printed material) for public distribution or sale
8	pun	Play on multiple meanings of a word or on two words that sound alike but have different meanings.
8	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
8	quantitatively	Of, concerning, or capable of being measured or expressed as, a quantity.
8	question/answer	When the author poses questions about a topic, then provides support to answer them.
8	reasoning	the process of using reason to draw conclusions based on a premise or known facts.
8	reflect/reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
8	relationship	A connection of some kind.
8	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
8	religious	Pertaining to matters of faith, conscience, and spiritual values.
8	render	To cause to become; make.
8	repetition	The act or process of doing something over and over again
8	research	Careful and organized study or gathering of information about a specific topic

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8	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
8	resources	Something that you can use to help achieve a goal
8	respond	To answer or give a reply in some way.
8	reveal	To make visible or public
8	revising	To correct or edit so as to improve
8	rewriting	To write again using different words or a different form or style; revise.
8	rising action	The events in a story that move the plot forward, which involves conflicts and complications.
8	role	A job within a project or a part/character played by an actor
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8	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
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8	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
8	social	Relating to society and its members
8	software	Any of the programs that are written to operate a computer.
8	sound	Sensible; logically valid
8	source	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
8	specific	Special or unique to something.
8	standard English	The model of English that is written and spoken by educated individuals
8	stereotype	A standardized mental picture that represents an oversimplified opinion, attitude, or uncritical judgment
8	subjective	The verb form used to express a command, a wish, a suggestion or a condition that is contrary to fact.
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8	summary statement	A general statement that presents the main points or facts in condensed form.
8	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
8	supporting evidence	Factual details that support, or help prove, claims that are made
8	suspense	Pleasant excitement caused by wondering what will happen

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8	time frame	A time period during which something occurs or is expected to occur
8	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
8	traditional	relating to customs and ways of doing things in a particular culture that are passed down from parents to children.
8	tragedy	A serious drama with a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion
8	transition	A changing from one state, stage, place, or subject to another
8	underlining	To draw a line under.
8	uniform	The same throughout in structure or composition
8	URL	The address of a web page on the world wide web
8	validity	based on truth, fact, or logic.
8	varied	Marked by diversity; having many different forms or types.
8	viewpoint	An opinion
8	vocabulary	A group of words that a person knows or should know
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9-10	accounts	Descriptions of events or experiences
9-10	accurate/accuracy	Free from mistakes or error; flawless
9-10	adjective clause	A clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun
9-10	adjective phrase	A word group with an adjective at its head
9-10	advance	To move forward
9-10	adverbial clause	A dependent clause used as an adverb in a sentence to indicate time, place, condition, contrast, concession, reason, purpose, or result.
9-10	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
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9-10	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
9-10	apostrophe	A mark ' used to show that letters or figures are missing
9-10	appeal	Attraction, interest, attention
9-10	appositive	Of, relating to, or being in apposition.
9-10	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
9-10	article	A written piece often found in a newspaper or magazine
9-10	articulate	Able to speak or express oneself in a clear way.
9-10	artistic medium	The substance or material the artistic work is made from, and may also refer to the technique used.
9-10	aspect	A part or feature of something
9-10	assess	To set or try to find the importance or value of; evaluate; estimate.
9-10	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
9-10	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
9-10	base word	A complete word that can stand alone without a prefix or suffix.
9-10	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
9-10	caption	A sentence or phrase written under a picture to tell about or explain the picture

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9-10	chronological order	Events are presented in the order in which they occur
9-10	citation page	A page dedicated to recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage
9-10	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
9-10	claim	To state (something) as true although not proven to be; assert, contend.
9-10	clause	A group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a compound or complex sentence. A distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document.
9-10	cliché	An overly used expression or idea
9-10	cohesion	To lump, hold, or stick together.
9-10	collaboration	Working together toward a common goal.
9-10	collegial	A work environment where responsibility and authority is shared equally by colleagues.
9-10	colloquialism	A conversational expression
9-10	colon	A punctuation mark : most commonly used to direct attention to what follows
9-10	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
9-10	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
9-10	complex character	A character with multiple or conflicting motivations; who shows different sides
9-10	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
9-10	concept	A general idea or thought.
9-10	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
9-10	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
9-10	conjunctive adverbs	A word used to join two simple sentences (or clauses).
9-10	connection	A relationship or association.
9-10	connotative/connotation	A meaning suggested by a word or an expression in addition to its exact meaning
9-10	consensus	General agreement in opinions, values, preferences, or the like.
9-10	consumer documents	Printed materials that accompany products and services...manuals, instructions, warranties, etc.
9-10	context	The setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning.
9-10	context clues	Clues given in a passage as to the meaning of the word
9-10	contribute	To give for a purpose.
9-10	conventions	Things that are normal, ordinary, and following the accepted way.

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9-10	credible	Believable or plausible.
9-10	critique	Review of somebody's work
9-10	cultural	Of or relating to the shared knowledge and values of a society
9-10	cumulative	The total amount of something when it's all added together.
9-10	dash	A punctuation mark -- that is used to indicate an abrupt pause or break in the thought or structure of a sentence
9-10	delineate	To describe or portray in precise or vivid detail.
9-10	depict	To show, describe, or portray in a painting, sculpture, or written work.
9-10	descriptive language	Words intended to create a mood, person, place, thing, event, emotion, or experience.
9-10	detail	To describe something fully; item by item
9-10	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
9-10	develop/development	To grow or cause to grow
9-10	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
9-10	differ	To have a different opinion; disagree.
9-10	digital media	Text, graphics, audio, and/or video that is visualized via computer
9-10	direct quote	The reproduction of a speaker's exact words, set within quotation marks and cited.
9-10	disseminate	To spread information, knowledge, opinions widely.
9-10	distinction	A mark or feature that makes someone or something different.
9-10	distorted	To twist out of shape; change the way a thing looks or acts.
9-10	diverse	Of different kinds or sorts.
9-10	document	A written or printed paper, often of a legal or official nature, that provides information, evidence, or proof of something.
9-10	domain-specific words	Words that fall within a certain subject. Example: Science - cell, gravity, gene
9-10	dramatic	Filled with action, emotion, or exciting qualities; vivid, striking
9-10	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring
9-10	edit/editing	To correct and revise
9-10	effect/effective	Identifies the result of a cause
9-10	ellipsis	The leaving out of one or more words that are not necessary for a phrase to be understood
9-10	emerge	To become known or clear.
9-10	emphasis/emphasize	To give particular attention to; stress.
9-10	enhance	To improve or add to the quality, value, or attractiveness of.
9-10	evaluate	To judge the value or worth of someone or something
9-10	evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
9-10	evoke	To call forth or bring out (image, memory, response) in the mind or in action.

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9-10	exaggeration	Making something seem more important than it really is
9-10	excerpt	A passage or segment taken from a text...phrase, sentence, paragraph, or chapter.
9-10	explicit	Said or written in a clear and direct way.
9-10	exposition	Writing or speech primarily intended to convey information or to explain; a detailed statement or explanation
9-10	expression	The act of telling or showing thoughts or feelings.
9-10	external conflict	A struggle against an outside force, which may be another character, society, or nature.
9-10	fable	A short story with a moral (lesson), often with animal characters
9-10	fact/factual	A statement that can be proven
9-10	fallacious	Based on unsound logic; in error; illogical.
9-10	falling action	In the plot, this action occurs after the climax, when conflicts are resolved and problems solved.
9-10	fiction	A story that is not true or is made up
9-10	figurative language	Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of the words; the use of words in an unusual or imaginative manner.
9-10	filler words	Non-word sounds such as "um" and "er" that people use to fill the silence during pauses
9-10	footnote	A printed note or definition placed below the text at the bottom of the page or the back of the book
9-10	foreshadowing	A writer's use of hints or clues to suggest events that will occur later in the plot.
9-10	formal language	Language spoken according to the rules of English. It sounds more educated and professional.
9-10	formal outline	Organized using a number/letter system which lists the main and supporting ideas of your essay
9-10	format	To arrange or organize so that a particular appearance is achieved.
9-10	functional	Having a practical purpose.
9-10	functional materials	A form of informational nonfiction...websites, how-to-articles, brochures, fliers, etc.
9-10	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
9-10	graphic	Described clearly and vividly.
9-10	header/heading	The title of a passage of text which announces the topic to be covered, generally printed in bold type for emphasis
9-10	hyperbole	A figure of speech in which a statement is exaggerated for emphasis or for humorous effect.
9-10	hypothesis	A prediction or educated guess
9-10	iambic pentameter	A five-beat poetic line
9-10	imagery	Language that appeals to the senses...sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.
9-10	impact	To have a strong effect upon someone or something.
9-10	incorporate	To include as part of a larger thing; blend.
9-10	independent	Not needing the support or advice of another person.
9-10	inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning

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9-10	infinitive	The simple form of a verb that has no subject and does not show past, present or future tens
9-10	influence	The power or invisible action of a thing or person that causes some kind of effect on another.
9-10	informal language	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
9-10	informative/explanatory writing	Writing that provides factual information and that often explains ideas/teaches processes.
9-10	inquiry	A question or request for information.
9-10	integrate	To bring together and mix into a whole.
9-10	interact	To respond to one another in a social situation.
9-10	interactive	Two-way communication between a computer and a person.
9-10	internal conflict	A struggle between opposing needs, desires, or emotions within a single character.
9-10	interpret	To translate, analyze, or give examples drawn from a text.
9-10	introduce	To bring to one's notice or into one's experience.
9-10	investigate/investigation	To look into carefully and closely so as to learn the facts; examine.
9-10	irony	A contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or happens.
9-10	italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
9-10	key point	The main meaning or purpose of a statement or action.
9-10	link/hyperlink	Text or an image that when clicked on, causes a web page or another point on the same page to be displayed on the computer screen.
9-10	listing	Pieces of information (facts, reasons, ideas, examples, features, steps, etc.) that are listed.
9-10	literary device	A technique used to achieve a particular effect, such as descriptive/figurative language.
9-10	literary element	Includes all the elements in a story; setting, characters, plot (problem, solution, conclusion)
9-10	literary nonfiction	Like fiction, except that the characters, setting, and plot are real rather than imaginary.
9-10	literature	Writings that have lasting value
9-10	logical	Something that makes sense; reasonable.
9-10	main clause	A group of words made up of a subject and a predicate that can stand alone as a sentence; Also called an independent clause
9-10	main idea	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
9-10	manipulate	to tamper with or adjust to one's own advantage
9-10	manual	A handbook; a book of directions
9-10	meaning	what is meant by a word; definition.
9-10	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.
9-10	medium	A means or tool.
9-10	metaphor	A comparison of two things that have something in common...it states one thing is something else.
9-10	metrical foot	A group of 2 or 3 syllables forming the basic unit of poetic rhythm metrical unit

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9-10	misleading	to cause to think or act in a wrong manner.
9-10	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
9-10	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
9-10	motivation	Providing incentive or Inspiration
9-10	multimedia	The combination of sound, still pictures, and video.
9-10	multiple meanings	When something has more than one meaning
9-10	myth	A traditional story told to explain the customs and beliefs of a society
9-10	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.
9-10	nominative pronoun	The pronoun that is doing the action
9-10	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
9-10	objective	not influenced by personal feelings or opinions.
9-10	objective pronoun	A pronoun that stands in for the object of a verb, a prepositional phrase, or an infinitive phrase.
9-10	omniscient	Having total knowledge
9-10	onomatopoeia	The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning...meow, buzz, splash.
9-10	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
9-10	opposing	To think, act, or be against; resist.
9-10	organizational patterns	Text structures found in all types of nonfiction and some fiction.
9-10	oxymoron	A combination of contradictory words, such as "tiny giant"
9-10	pace/pacing	The speed of progress or change
9-10	paradox	A statement that seems to go against common sense but may still be true
9-10	parallelism	In writing, the use of similarity in construction and form within a unit such as a sentence, paragraph, or stanza, or an instance of this.
9-10	paraphrasing	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
9-10	participial	A form of a verb that may function as an adjective, a noun, a preposition, or part of a verb.
9-10	particular	being the only one in mind or referred to out of many possibilities; specific; special.
9-10	pathetic fallacy	The treatment of inanimate objects as if they had human feelings
9-10	personification	To give human qualities to something that isn't human.
9-10	perspective	A position from which something is considered or evaluated; standpoint.
9-10	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
9-10	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
9-10	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
9-10	position	Point of view; opinion.
9-10	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
9-10	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning

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9-10	preparation	The act of getting something ready.
9-10	prepositional	A word that shows a connection or relation between a noun or pronoun and some other word.
9-10	presenting	The act of showing, displaying, explaining, introducing etc.
9-10	primary source	An original source of the information being discussed such as a person with direct knowledge of a situation, or a document created by such a person.
9-10	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
9-10	production	The coordination and presentation of a public performance.
9-10	proficient	Adept or skilled, usually as a result of study or practice.
9-10	pronunciation	The act or manner of saying the sounds of words.
9-10	propel	To cause to move forward; thrust, push, or drive.
9-10	protagonist	The main character in fiction or drama...the person who sets the plot in motion.
9-10	provoke	To arouse or bring out.
9-10	publication	Something published, such as a magazine.
9-10	pun	Play on multiple meanings of a word or on two words that sound alike but have different meanings.
9-10	purpose	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
9-10	quantitative	Of, concerning, or capable of being measured or expressed as, a quantity.
9-10	question/answer	When the author poses questions about a topic, then provides support to answer them.
9-10	quotation mark	A punctuation mark " " or ` ` used to identify spoken or quoted words
9-10	reasoning	the process of using reason to draw conclusions based on a premise or known facts.
9-10	recite/recitation	To speak the words of from memory and in front of others.
9-10	reflect/reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
9-10	relationship	A connection of some kind.
9-10	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
9-10	repetition	The act or process of doing something over and over again
9-10	representation	The depicting of something in visible form.
9-10	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
9-10	restatement	Something that is stated again in another way
9-10	reveal	To make visible or public
9-10	revise/revision	To correct or edit so as to improve
9-10	rhetorical question	Question requiring no answer
9-10	rising action	The events in a story that move the plot forward, which involves conflicts and complications.
9-10	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
9-10	salutation	An expression of greeting or goodwill

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9-10	sarcasm	A form of verbal irony, usually harsh, that is often used as an insult.
9-10	secondary source	Documents or recordings that relate or discuss information originally presented elsewhere.
9-10	semicolon	a punctuation mark (;). It is used to separate independent clauses in a sentence when there is no conjunction
9-10	sensory language	Wording that describes how something feels, tastes, looks, or sounds.
9-10	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
9-10	shades of meaning	Small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
9-10	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
9-10	situation	The combination of circumstances at a given time
9-10	skimming	to glance through in a hurry
9-10	slang	A kind of language used in playful and casual speech, not to be used in formal speech or writing
9-10	slogan	A short phrase used to state a principle or political message or to advertise a product; motto.
9-10	software	Any of the programs that are written to operate a computer.
9-10	soliloquy	A speech voicing his or her own thoughts as if to himself.
9-10	source	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
9-10	specific	Special or unique to something.
9-10	standard English	The model of English that is written and spoken by educated individuals
9-10	stereotype	A standardized mental picture that represents an oversimplified opinion, attitude, or uncritical judgment
9-10	stimulate	To bring about to activity or action.
9-10	strategic	Relating to an elaborate and systematic plan of action
9-10	subjective	Affected or shaped by personal experience, beliefs, and feelings.
9-10	subordinate clause	A group of words that has both a subject and a verb; cannot stand alone as a sentence
9-10	substance	The important part of something; meaning.
9-10	sufficient	Enough; as much as needed.
9-10	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
9-10	summary statement	A general statement that presents the main points or facts in condensed form.
9-10	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
9-10	support/supporting	To provide proof or evidence for
9-10	symbol	An object or picture that represents something else.
9-10	symbolism/symbolize	The use of something concrete that is used to represent something more than itself.
9-10	synecdoche	A figure of speech in which the word for part of something is used to mean the whole
9-10	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
9-10	syntax	The way in which words are put together to form phrases, sentences, and clauses

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9-10	table	A type of graphic aid that presents a group of facts in rows and columns.
9-10	technical language	Written or oral communication that has specialized content.
9-10	tempo	The speed at which a composition is to be played
9-10	tension	Physical, mental, or emotional strain.
9-10	text box	A box for text that can be placed and formatted independently of other text.
9-10	text features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.
9-10	text structure	The pattern or arrangement of ideas in a text passage
9-10	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
9-10	thesis statement	The sentence or two in your text that contains the focus of your essay and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.
9-10	thoroughly	Completely; throughout.
9-10	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
9-10	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
9-10	tragedy	A serious drama with a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion
9-10	transform	To change the nature, character, use, or condition of.
9-10	transition/transitional	A changing from one state, stage, place, or subject to another
9-10	underlining	To draw a line under.
9-10	valid/validity	based on truth, fact, or logic.
9-10	various	Of many different kinds.
9-10	workplace document	Materials that are produced or used within a work setting.

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11-12	19th Century	The time period from January 1, 1801 to December 31, 1900
11-12	20th Century	The time period from January 1, 1901 to December 31, 2000
11-12	accounts	Descriptions of events or experiences
11-12	adapt	To change for a particular use.
11-12	address	To give attention to; deal with.
11-12	adjective clause	A clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun
11-12	adjective phrase	A word group with an adjective at its head
11-12	adverb clause	A dependent clause used as an adverb in a sentence to indicate time, place, condition, contrast, concession, reason, purpose, or result.
11-12	advocacy	the giving of support to an idea, person, or cause.
11-12	aesthetic	Relates to the beauty of form in works of art, including literature, dance, music, and the like.
11-12	affix	An affix can be added to the root of a word to change its meaning. An affix added to the front of a word is known as a prefix. One added to the back is known as a suffix.
11-12	allegory	A story with characters and events that are symbols representing truths about human life
11-12	alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter in successive words; it is done for effect.
11-12	allusion	A passing or casual reference; an incidental mention of something
11-12	alternative	Offering or allowing a choice.
11-12	analogy	A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
11-12	analyze/analysis	Examining parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.
11-12	anecdote	A short account of a particular incident or event
11-12	antagonist	A principal character or force in opposition to a protagonist, or main character.
11-12	antithesis	The exact opposite
11-12	antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word
11-12	apostrophe	A mark ' used to show that letters or figures are missing
11-12	appeal	Attraction, interest, attention
11-12	appositive	Of, relating to, or being in apposition.
11-12	argument	Verbal exchange between people with opposite views
11-12	articulate	Able to speak or express oneself in a clear way.
11-12	artistic medium	The substance or material the artistic work is made from, and may also refer to the technique used.
11-12	assertion	A declaration or statement, often without support or proof.
11-12	assess	To set or try to find the importance or value of; evaluate; estimate.
11-12	audience	Those reached by means of television, radio, or printed matter.
11-12	author's purpose	The reason the author created the writing.
11-12	base word	A complete word that can stand alone without a prefix or suffix.

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11-12	bibliography	A list of writings with time and place of publication
11-12	cause and effect	A text structure that explains why things happen; the events that happen first are the causes and the events that happen as a result are the effects
11-12	central idea	The main thought or focus of a work of literature.
11-12	chapter	A section of a book
11-12	character	A person in a story, play, or movie.
11-12	character development	The method(s) a writer uses to create and develop characters.
11-12	chart	A group of facts about something, in the form of a diagram, table, graph, etc...
11-12	chronological order	Events are presented in the order in which they occur
11-12	citation page	A page dedicated to recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage
11-12	cite	Make reference to; to quote (a passage, book, author, etc.),
11-12	civil	Observing socially acceptable standards of politeness and courtesy.
11-12	claim	To state (something) as true although not proven to be; assert, contend.
11-12	cliché	An overly used expression or idea
11-12	coherent	Logical and clear.
11-12	cohesion	To lump, hold, or stick together.
11-12	collaborative	Working together toward a common goal.
11-12	colloquialism	A conversational expression
11-12	compare/contrast	How two things are alike and how they are different
11-12	comparison	An examination of how two or more things are similar or alike
11-12	complex	Complicated in structure; consisting of interconnected parts
11-12	compound adjectives	A single adjective comprised of more than one word, usually grouped together using hyphens.
11-12	compound nouns	Two or more simple nouns used together as a single noun. The parts may be written as one word, two or more words, or as a hyphenated word, e.g., firefighter, fire drill, push-up
11-12	comprehend/comprehension	To understand or grasp the meaning of.
11-12	concept	A general idea or thought.
11-12	conclude/conclusion	An opinion that you form after thinking about many things. Also means an ending or result.
11-12	concrete details	Explicit details adding to the visual perception of the text, describes in great detail how things might feel, smell, look like, sound like, and/or taste like.
11-12	conflict	A problem or disagreement between people, society, or nature
11-12	connection	A relationship or association.
11-12	connotative/connotation	A meaning suggested by a word or an expression in addition to its exact meaning
11-12	consensus	General agreement in opinions, values, preferences, or the like.

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11-12	constitutional	Having to do with a constitution (a set of laws by which a nation, state, or other organization is governed).
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11-12	credible	Believable or plausible.
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11-12	deconstruct	to take apart, analyze, or break it down into its parts in order to understand how and why it was created
11-12	delineate	To describe or portray in precise or vivid detail.
11-12	democratic	Relating to or demonstrating the belief that all people should be treated equally.
11-12	denotation	A term or label that indicates something
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11-12	determine	To decide or settle finally and without question.
11-12	develop/development	To grow or cause to grow
11-12	dialogue	A talk between two or more people or between characters in a play, film, or novel.
11-12	discrepancies	Lack of agreement; difference; inconsistency.
11-12	dissent	A difference of opinion; disagreement.
11-12	distinction	A mark or feature that makes someone or something different.
11-12	distinguish	To tell apart by seeing differences
11-12	divergent	Deviating or differing
11-12	diverse	Of different kinds or sorts.
11-12	document	A written or printed paper, often of a legal or official nature, that provides information, evidence, or proof of something.
11-12	domain	A particular environment or walk of life
11-12	drawing conclusions	Making a decision or voicing an opinion based on reasoning or inferring

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11-12	effectiveness	The quality or condition of working as intended or of having the desired result
11-12	elements	A part of any whole.
11-12	ellipsis	The leaving out of one or more words that are not necessary for a phrase to be understood
11-12	emphasis/emphasize	To give particular attention to; stress.
11-12	engaging	Holding the interest of
11-12	essential	Fundamental; necessary; indispensable.
11-12	euphemism	An inoffensive or indirect expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive or too harsh
11-12	evaluate	To judge the value or worth of someone or something
11-12	event	Something that happens
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11-12	genre	A category of art, music, or literature
11-12	grammar	The rules for forming words and sentences in a language
11-12	grasp	To take hold of mentally; understand.

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11-12	historical	Belonging to the past; of what is important or famous in the past
11-12	hyperbole	A figure of speech in which a statement is exaggerated for emphasis or for humorous effect.
11-12	hyphen	A punctuation mark - used to divide or to compound words or word elements
11-12	hypothesis	A prediction or educated guess
11-12	iambic pentameter	A five-beat poetic line
11-12	imagery	Language that appeals to the senses...sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.
11-12	imaginative	Having the ability to be creative
11-12	impact	To have a strong effect upon someone or something.
11-12	independent	Not needing the support or advice of another person.
11-12	individual	A single thing or person
11-12	inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning
11-12	infinitive	The simple form of a verb that has no subject and does not show past, present or future tenses
11-12	informal language	Characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use
11-12	informational text	Writing that provides factual information and that often explains ideas or teaches processes.
11-12	integral	Being an essential part of the whole.
11-12	integrate	To bring together and mix into a whole.
11-12	interact	To respond to one another in a social situation.
11-12	internal conflict	A struggle between opposing needs, desires, or emotions within a single character.
11-12	interpret	To translate, analyze, or give examples drawn from a text.
11-12	investigate/investigation	To look into carefully and closely so as to learn the facts; examine.
11-12	irony	A contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or happens.
11-12	italics	Words that are in a slanted type to indicate that a word, phrase, or sentence is important
11-12	key point	The main meaning or purpose of a statement or action.
11-12	limitations	A weakness or shortcoming that restricts one's abilities.
11-12	listing	Pieces of information (facts, reasons, ideas, examples, features, steps, etc.) that are listed.
11-12	literal	Ordinary, exact, or primary meaning of a word or words; not figurative or metaphorical.
11-12	literary device	A technique used to achieve a particular effect, such as descriptive/figurative language.
11-12	literary element	Includes all the elements in a story; setting, characters, plot (problem, solution, conclusion)
11-12	literary nonfiction	Like fiction, except that the characters, setting, and plot are real rather than imaginary.
11-12	literature	Writings that have lasting value
11-12	logical	Something that makes sense; reasonable.
11-12	main idea	The most important idea expressed in a piece of writing.
11-12	media	the means of distributing information to large numbers of people, through newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; mass media.

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11-12	medium	A means or tool.
11-12	metaphor	A comparison of two things that have something in common...it states one thing is something else.
11-12	metric feet	A group of 2 or 3 syllables forming the basic unit of poetic rhythm metrical unit
11-12	mood	The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
11-12	moral	A story that teaches a lesson
11-12	motivation	Providing incentive or Inspiration
11-12	multimedia	The combination of sound, still pictures, and video.
11-12	multiple meanings	When something has more than one meaning
11-12	mystery	A movie, play, book, or other piece of writing that is usually about a crime.
11-12	myth	A traditional story told to explain the customs and beliefs of a society
11-12	narrative	A story, description, or account of events.
11-12	narrator	A person or character who tells a story.
11-12	nominative pronoun	The pronoun that is doing the action
11-12	nonfiction	Writing that tells about real people, places, and events.
11-12	objective	not influenced by personal feelings or opinions.
11-12	objective pronoun	A pronoun that stands in for the object of a verb, a prepositional phrase, or an infinitive phrase.
11-12	omniscient	Having total knowledge
11-12	onomatopoeia	The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning...meow, buzz, splash.
11-12	opinion	A personal judgment that someone thinks is true, but that may be true or false
11-12	opposing	To think, act, or be against; resist.
11-12	organizational patterns	Text structures found in all types of nonfiction and some fiction.
11-12	outline	A special form to plan and organize writing
11-12	overstate	To inflate the importance of; exaggerate.
11-12	oxymoron	A combination of contradictory words, such as "tiny giant"
11-12	paradox	A statement that seems to go against common sense but may still be true
11-12	parallelism	In writing, the use of similarity in construction and form within a unit such as a sentence, paragraph, or stanza, or an instance of this.
11-12	paraphrasing	A restatement of a passage or text in somewhat different words so as to simplify or clarify.
11-12	particular	being the only one in mind or referred to out of many possibilities; specific; special.
11-12	parts of speech	a class of words (as adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, interjections, nouns, prepositions, pronouns, or verbs) identified according to the kinds of ideas they express and the way they work in a sentence
11-12	pathetic fallacy	The treatment of inanimate objects as if they had human feelings
11-12	personification	To give human qualities to something that isn't human.
11-12	perspective	A position from which something is considered or evaluated; standpoint.

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11-12	persuade/persuasive	To talk someone into doing or believing something; convince
11-12	pertinent	Having to do with or connected to a subject; relevant.
11-12	phrase	Two or more words that express an idea and are part of a sentence
11-12	plagiarism	To steal and pass off (as the ideas or words of another) as one's own
11-12	plot	The story line or order of events in a book, play, or movie.
11-12	point of view	A way of thinking about or looking at something.
11-12	precise	Stated in a clear way and with details.
11-12	predict	To say in advance (what one believed will happen); foretell (a future event or events)
11-12	prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning
11-12	preparation	The act of getting something ready.
11-12	presenting	The act of showing, displaying, explaining, introducing etc.
11-12	primary source	An original source of the information being discussed such as a person with direct knowledge of a situation, or a document created by such a person.
11-12	principle	A basic law or truth on which action or behavior is based.
11-12	problem/solution	A text structure which identifies and describes a problem and then offers one or more possible solutions
11-12	proficient	Adept or skilled, usually as a result of study or practice.
11-12	progression	A sequence, as of items in a series; succession.
11-12	propel	To cause to move forward; thrust, push, or drive.
11-12	proposition	Anything offered for the purpose of discussion or thought.
11-12	protagonist	The main character in fiction or drama...the person who sets the plot in motion.
11-12	pun	Play on multiple meanings of a word or on two words that sound alike but have different meanings.
11-12	purposes	A reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal.
11-12	quantitative	Of, concerning, or capable of being measured or expressed as, a quantity.
11-12	question/answer	When the author poses questions about a topic, then provides support to answer them.
11-12	quote	To repeat the exact words used by someone else.
11-12	reasoning	the process of using reason to draw conclusions based on a premise or known facts.
11-12	reference materials	Text containing facts and information, items that you can look at to find information
11-12	reflection	The process of deep or serious thinking, or a particular thought that results from this process.
11-12	relevant	related to or connected with the present matter; pertinent.
11-12	resolution	The portion of a play or story where the central problem is solved.
11-12	rising action	The events in a story that move the plot forward, which involves conflicts and complications.
11-12	root word	The base word you start with before adding prefixes or suffixes
11-12	sarcasm	A form of verbal irony, usually harsh, that is often used as an insult.

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11-12	secondary source	Documents or recordings that relate or discuss information originally presented elsewhere.
11-12	selective	Very careful in choosing.
11-12	sensory language	Wording that describes how something feels, tastes, looks, or sounds.
11-12	sequence	A pattern or process in which one thing follows another.
11-12	setting	The time and place of the action in a story, play, or poem.
11-12	shades of meaning	Small, subtle differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.
11-12	simile	A figure of speech comparing two things using like or as
11-12	situation	The combination of circumstances at a given time
11-12	skimming	to glance through in a hurry
11-12	software	Any of the programs that are written to operate a computer.
11-12	source	Any person, place, or thing by which something is supplied
11-12	specific	Special or unique to something.
11-12	standard English	The model of English that is written and spoken by educated individuals
11-12	stereotype	A standardized mental picture that represents an oversimplified opinion, attitude, or uncritical judgment
11-12	stimulate	To bring about to activity or action.
11-12	strategic	Relating to an elaborate and systematic plan of action
11-12	structure	The way in which such a thing is joined together.
11-12	substance	The important part of something; meaning.
11-12	suffix	One or more letters added to the end of a root (base) word that changes the word's meaning
11-12	summary statement	A general statement that presents the main points or facts in condensed form.
11-12	summary/summarize	A statement presenting the main points, a brief retelling of the main points
11-12	supporting details	Sentences in a paragraph or piece of text that explain or support the main idea of the text
11-12	supporting evidence	Factual details that support, or help prove, claims that are made
11-12	suspense	Pleasant excitement caused by wondering what will happen
11-12	symbolism/symbolize	The use of something concrete that is used to represent something more than itself.
11-12	synecdoche	A figure of speech in which the word for part of something is used to mean the whole
11-12	synonym	A word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.
11-12	syntax	The way in which words are put together to form phrases, sentences, and clauses
11-12	table	A type of graphic aid that presents a group of facts in rows and columns.
11-12	technical terms	A word that has a specific meaning within a specific field of expertise.
11-12	technique	A particular way of doing something.
11-12	text box	A box for text that can be placed and formatted independently of other text.
11-12	text features	Design elements that included structure of a text and help with the understanding of the text.

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11-12	theme	The main subject for a work of literature, art, or music
11-12	thesis statement	The sentence or two in your text that contains the focus of your essay and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.
11-12	thoroughly	Completely; throughout.
11-12	tone	An expression of a writer's attitude toward a subject.
11-12	topic	A subject or theme of an essay, book, or other written work.
11-12	tragedy	A serious drama with a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion
11-12	tragic	Very sad; causing pity.
11-12	transition	A changing from one state, stage, place, or subject to another
11-12	uncertainty	That which is unknown, indefinite, changeable, or the like.
11-12	underlining	To draw a line under.
11-12	valid/validity	based on truth, fact, or logic.
11-12	version	A description or report in a particular style or from one point of view.
11-12	vivid	Producing powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind.
11-12	workplace document	Materials that are produced or used within a work setting.