

Academic Vocabulary Glossary

Analyze	To purposefully examine the elements of
Annotate	To label or write notes in the margins
Apply	To put to practical use; use; utilize
Argue	To subjectively persuade for or against a claim with specific reasoning
Build	To build context (necessary background information) that allows a reader to understand setting, character, plot (story), claim or evidence (argument)
Cite	To quote an author, passage or literature using specific punctuation and author/origin reference.
Clarify	To ask a question, such as Why? How so? In what way?, to answer that question to make your ideas clear; to restate your idea in different words to make your idea clearer.
Close	To make a final statement and reveal theme (a message).
Compare and Contrast	To show similarities and differences
Connect (to make a connection)	To explain in terms of personal experience, the world and/or other literature.
Context (see BUILD)	To argue against or opposite of another's claim
Counter argue (counter argument); negotiate	To state and present your claim/argument/position/thesis
Create	To show your understanding in a meaningful way
Demonstrate Understanding	To make meaning or create an opinion about a topic based on looking at all of the information.
Draw conclusion	To judge, assess, determine significance or value
Evaluate	Data, proof or research quoted from a text
Evidence	To show or illustrate by example
Exemplify	To provide specific text evidence in quoted format
Fortify	To show understanding through words and specific detail
Illustrate	

Inform	To state a purpose, significance or value without judgment.
Negotiate	To consider the existence and merit of an opposing argument and to refute it.
Objective	Factual; without opinion
Paraphrase	To state in your own words
Plagiarism	To illegally copy part or all of another's words as is if your own without citing author/origin.
Refute	To prove wrong using specific reasoning and/or evidence
Restate (Clarify)	To reword a text or passage in fresh language to clarify difficult text
Source	A specific text or specific website (URL)
Stimuli	Visual/Auditory displays: pictures, audio, video, graphs, tables, etc.
Subjective	Containing opinion; opinionated
Synthesize	To combine elements with the purpose of creating a new complex product
Text	Any reliable printed or Internet-based literature
Thesis	A subjective claim, position or controlling idea of an essay
Topic Sentence	The first sentence of a body paragraph that introduces the controlling idea or position of the paragraph.
Transition	A word, phrase or clause used between and within paragraphs to connect ideas smoothly.
Venn Diagram	A comparison/contrast diagram

