



Identify 10-15 general-academic words per grade level.

Consider all forms of the word.

Suggestions

VERBS

DESCRIPTORS

NOUNS

K-1

Describe
(description,
descriptive)

Identify
Label
List

Predict (prediction)
Recall
Select

All
Opposite

Audience
Text

2-3

Compare (comparison)
Explain (explanation)
Summarize (summary)

Best
Informative (information)
Most likely
Narrative
Persuasive (persuasion, persuade)
Previous (previously)

Article
Detail
Event
Example
Opinion
Passage

4-5

Annotate (annotation)
Cite (citation)
Demonstrate
Highlight
Refer (reference)

Relevant
Specific

Conclusion (conclude)
Definition (define)
Excerpt
Response (respond)
Selection (select)
Source
Trait

6-8

Analyze (analysis)
Argue (argument)
Clarify
Consider
Contradict (contradiction)

Contribute (contribution)
Develop (development)
Evaluate (evaluation)
Interpret (interpretation)
Reflect (reflection)

According
Credible (credibility)
Effectively
Rare, rarely
Typically

Context
Relationship
Significance (significant)

9-10

Acknowledge (acknowledgement)
Critique
Determine

Illustrate (illustration)
Impact
Imply (implication)

Objective
Sufficient (sufficiently)
Unified

Prose
Intention (intend)
Interaction (interact)
Relationship (relate)

11-12

Convey
Distinguish
Indicate
Influence (influential)

Preclude
Portray (portrayal)
Suggest (suggestions)
Trace

Verify

Plausible
Succinct

Approach
Assumption (assume)

