

Academic Vocabulary

The following words can help our students in several ways. First, these are higher thinking skill words. They cause all students to have to think at the highest possible level. Secondly, these words are often found in the questions on standardized tests. Model these words in daily conversation and in questioning.

WORD	Short, student friendly phrases
1. Trace	List in steps
2. Analyze	Break apart
3. Infer	Read between the lines
4. Evaluate	Judge
5. Formulate	Create
6. Describe	Tell all about
7. Support	Back up with details
8. Explain	Tell why
9. Summarize	Give me the short version
10. Compare	All the ways they are alike
11. Contrast	All the ways they are different
12. Predict	What will happen next

Source: Bell, Larry. 12 Powerful Words. 2005