

Alternative Assessment Vocabulary

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Word	Definition	Examples
accurate	An assessment word that means free of errors.	Which of the following sentences most accurately describe the setting of the story?
after	An assessment word that means following in time or place.	What happened after the 2 nd paragraph?
all	A signal word used to cue students to add a group of items.	How many pencils did the students have in all?
analyze	An assessment word that means to study something carefully.	Analyze the following passage and determine its plot structure.
argument	An argument is the main statement in which the writer encourages readers to agree with his/her thoughts.	Find evidence that supports the author's argument.
audience	The group of people the author thought of when writing the story.	Who was the author's intended audience?
author	An author is a person who has written a book.	What is the author's point of view?
before	An assessment term that means at an earlier time.	What happened before the 3 rd paragraph?
beginning	An assessment term that means the first part of something.	At the beginning of the story, where were the characters at?
best	An assessment word used to indicate that students must select a choice that is the most appropriate.	Choose the word that best completes the sentence.
cause	An assessment word used to mean something that brings out a result. This word is typically used in reading and paired with the term <i>effect</i> .	What was the cause and effect?
central idea	An assessment term used to refer to central ideas (broad idea) are found in an informational text.	What is the central idea of the passage?
character	Character can be defined as any person, animal, or figure represented in a literary work.	Identify the main character of the story.
choose	An assessment word that means to select or make a decision.	Choose the word that best completes the sentence.
climax	Climax can be defined as the point in which tension or action reaches its highest part a story or play "crisis".	Choose the climax of the story.
clue	An assessment term that means something that helps a person find item/object.	Which clue helped you answer Part A?
compare	An assessment word that means to find similarities among passages.	Compare and contrast the characters of the story.
complete	An assessment term that means fully carried out or finished.	Complete the pattern.
conclusion	An assessment word that means the logical outcome of the story or the resolution.	From this passage, a reader might logically draw which conclusion?
conflict	Conflict occurs when the leading character is opposed by some person or force in the passage.	What is the conflict of the story?
contrast	An assessment word that means to find differences among passages.	Compare and contrast the characters of the story.

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correct	An assessment term that means to alter or adjust to make something right.	Which of these is the correct answer?
define	An assessment term that means state the meaning of the word.	Define the word, simple.
describe	Describe is defined as the ability to give details of an event in written or spoken language .	Describe the setting of the story.
drop down menu	An assessment term that means a horizontal list of options that appears on a computer screen when clicking a button.	Use the drop down menu to complete the following.
effect	An assessment term that means a result or consequence of an action This word is typically used in reading and paired with the term <i>cause</i> .	What were the effects when _____?
end	An assessment term that means the last part of a story, movie, song, or set of data.	How did the story end?
evidence	Evidence is defined as something that is true (the facts).	Which choice provides evidence from the story?
explain	Explain is defined as making something easy to understand.	Explain why the author chose the setting he did.
fact	Fact is defined as a true piece of information (something that can be proven).	Identify the facts from the story.
falling action	Falling action is defined as the parts of a story after the climax and before the very end.	Identify the falling action from the choices given.
false	An assessment term that means not true or accurate.	The setting refers to where the story takes place. <u>True</u> or False.
fiction	Fiction is a story that has been made up/invented.	Identify which story was fiction.
figurative language	Figurative language describes something by comparing it to something else/feels like it is happening (i.e., “I am so happy that I’m jumping for joy”).	Which of these is an example of figurative language?
find	An assessment term that means to obtain by locating an answer.	Find evidence in the text that supports the main idea.
genre	Genre is defined as a way to categorize a book by style, content, or form.	Identify the gene of this story.
graph	An assessment term that refers to a visual representation of information in which students use to answer questions.	A graph is a text feature.
hypothesis	An assessment term that means an idea or theory that is not proven but that leads to further study or discussion.	Identify the hypothesis by completing the following sentence: "If _____, then ____ will happen." (does this) (this)
identify	Identify means to recognize the correct answer.	Identify the character of the story.
idiom	An idiom is a saying, phrase, or fixed expression in a culture (i.e., “Piece of cake).	Which of these is an example of an idiom?
inference	Inference means to reach a conclusion based on facts.	Based on the title, what inference can you make about the story.

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introduction	An assessment term to refer to the beginning of something.	In the introduction, where did the setting take place?
literal meanings	Literal meanings are (factual) or completely true and accurate.	Which of these is an example of a literal meaning?
locate	An assessment term that means to find or pinpoint.	Locate all of the adjectives in the first sentence.
main idea	Main ideas are typically found in a literary passage. The gist of the passage/key concept.	What is the main idea of this passage?
most likely	An assessment term used to refer to the idea that a specific answer has a high chance of being correct.	Which of these is most likely to happen next?
nonfiction	Nonfiction is writing based on facts, actual events, and real people.	Is this passage fiction or nonfiction?
noun	An assessment term that refers to a person, place, thing, or idea.	Choose the noun that is underlined in this sentence.
opinion	An assessment term that refers to a personal view or attitude.	List two opinions stated by the author in paragraph 3.
order	An assessment term to refer to put into a particular grouping or sequence.	Place the following events in order.
part	An assessment term used to refer to a specific item (i.e., Part A).	Which of the following sentence best supports the answer in Part A?
passage	An assessment term used to refer to a portion or section of a written work; a paragraph.	Which passage supports the author's claim?
persuasive	Persuasive essay is an author's attempt to get the reader to believe something by urging them.	Identify which essay is a persuasive essay.
plot	A series of events that happen in a text.	Identify the plot of the story.
point of view	Point of view is an opinion, attitude, or judgment.	What is the author's point of view?
predicate	Predicate is the part of a sentence containing a verb and stating something about the subject.	Is the underlined word a subject or predicate?
predictions	A prediction is a reading strategy in which readers use text features and personal experiences to guess what comes next.	What do you predict the character will do next?
prefix	Prefix is a word or letter that comes before a root word.	Which of these is the prefix?
pronoun	A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun (i.e., she/he).	Identify the pronoun in the following sentence.
relevant	Relevant is defined as important information or information that is connected.	Which of these is relevant to paragraph 2?
respond	Respond means to reply or provide an answer.	Respond to the following.
rising action	The rising action of a story is the series of events that begin right after the introduction of the story and builds up to the climax.	Which of these is the rising action in the story?

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root	A word often found after a prefix and before suffix. The meaning of this word changes once a prefix or suffix is added.	Which of these is a root word?
select	Select means to choose or pick an answer.	Select three ways in which dogs and cats are alike.
sentence fragment	A sentence fragment is a sentence that is missing information or is incomplete.	Which of these is a sentence fragment?
setting	Setting refers to when and where a story takes place.	Identify the setting of the story.
show	An assessment term used as a way to prove or produce an answer.	Show where you found the answer.
subject	The subject is the part of a sentence tells (a) what it is about, or (b) who or what performs the action.	Identify the subject of the sentence.
suffix	A suffix is added to the end of the root word.	Which of these is a suffix?
summary	A summary contains the important parts of a story.	Which of these is the best summary for this story?
support	An assessment term refers to using sentences from a passage or text features to help prove the answer is correct.	Support your answer with evidence from the text.
territory	A term often used in social studies to refer to a tract of land; region or district.	Which territory is Indiana located in? a. Southwest b. Northwest
text feature	Text features include all the components of a story or article that aid in comprehension. These include the table of contents, index, glossary, headings, bold words, sidebars, pictures and captions, and labeled diagrams.	What text feature supports your answer?
theme	Theme is a broad idea, message, or moral of a story.	Identify the theme of the story.
tone	Tone communicates, through words, a feeling or attitude.	What is the tone of the story?
true	An assessment term that means accurate or correct	A noun is a person, place, or thing. True or False.
verb	A verb is a word that describes physical action, mental action, or state of being.	Is the underlined word a verb?