

INCREASE TEST SUCCESS WITH ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

A lot of attention has been placed on preparing students for more complex reading passages that will appear on college-and-career-ready assessments. However, another major shift is in the academic vocabulary that comprise the test questions. Students can't answer the question if they don't understand the words in the question. Determine the vocabulary that your students lack and adjust your teacher-talk to include exposure and instruction with these terms.

VERBS

abbreviate	control	highlight	preclude
acknowledge	convey	identify	predict
address	convince	illustrate	prepare
affect	correlate	imitate	preview
alter	correspond	impact	project
analyze	credit	imply	propose
annotate	critique	include	prove
anticipate	debate	incorporate	portray
apply	defend	indicate	quote
approach	define	infer	rank
approximate	demand	influence	recall
argue	demonstrate	inform	refer
arrange	depict	inquire	reflect
articulate	derive	integrate	relate
assemble	describe	interact	rephrase
assert	detect	interpret	report
assess	determine	introduce	represent
associate	develop	investigate	require
assume	devise	involve	respond
brainstorm	differentiate	isolate	restate
calculate	diminish	judge	reveal
categorize	direct	label	review
characterize	discover	list	select
cite	discriminate	locate	show
clarify	discuss	maintain	signal
classify	distinguish	mean	skim
code	draw	modify	solve
compare	elaborate	note	speculate
compile	emphasize	notice	state
complement	employ	observe	study
complete	establish	occur	substitute
compose	estimate	oppose	suggest
conceive	evaluate	order	summarize
conclude	exaggerate	organize	support
conduct	examine	outline	symbolize
confirm	exclude	pace	synthesize
consider	explain	paraphrase	trace
consist	explore	perform	vary
constitutes	express	persuade	verify
consult	extract	place	
contradict	figure	plan	
contribute	formulate	portray	

DESCRIPTORS

abstract	consistently	irrelevant	prior
according	credible	likely	probably
all	crucial	literal	rare
always	cumulative	logical	rarely
any	effectively	main	regular
appropriate	equal	most likely	relevant
authentic	equivalent	never	specific
best	essential	no	subjective
brief	exemplary	not	succinct
chronological	expository	optional	sufficient
common	figurative	plausible	typically
concise	frequently	possible	unified
concrete	general	precise	unique
conflicting	indirect	previous	
consistent	invariably	primarily	

NOUNS

acronym	counterclaim	interpretation	property
analysis	credibility	introduction	proponents
annotation	criteria	italics	prose
application	detail	judgment	portrayal
argument	discipline	key	purpose
article	domain	margin	quotation
aspects	effect	method	reaction
assumption	elements	model	rebuttal
audience	estimation	motivation	reflection
background	event	narrative	relationship
caption	evidence	notation	response
category	example	objective	results
cause	excerpt	opinion	selection
character	exhibit	opponent	sequence
characteristic	fact	opposite	series
chart	factor	origins	significance
chronology	feature	participation	source
citation	focus	passage	speaker
claim	format	pattern	stance
class	genre	perspective	standard
clue	graph	plagiarism	statement
composition	graphic	plot	strategy
conclusion	heading	point	style
conditions	idea	point of view	subject
consequence	inference	portrayal	summary
constant	instructions	position	survey
context	intent	procedure	synthesis
continuum	intention	profile	trait
contradiction	interaction	prompt	viewpoint