


SELECT 10-15 FUNCTIONAL WORDS TO USE IN ALL CONTENT AREAS

 Vocabulary is not an add-on for which students are solely responsible and that we can ignore. In fact, vocabulary may be the most important content we teach. The link among vocabulary, reading, writing, speaking, and listening is becoming increasingly clear, and academic vocabulary is frequently referenced as a critical element in reading comprehension and academic achievement.”

Isabel Beck & Robert Marzano, as quoted in *101 Strategies to Make Academic Vocabulary Stick*

abbreviate	assume	complete	credible	effectively	focus	interpret	not	portray	rebuttal	speculate
abstract	assumption	compose	credibility	elaborate	format	interpretation	notation	portrayal	recall	stance
according	audience	composition	credit	elements	formulate	introduce	note	position	refer	standard
acknowledge	authentic	concise	criteria	emphasize	frequently	introduction	notice	possible	reflect	state
acronym	background	conceive	critique	employ	general	invariably	objective	precise	reflection	statement
address	best	conclude	crucial	equal	genre	investigate	observe	preclude	regular	strategy
affect	brainstorm	conclusion	cumulative	equivalent	graph	involve	occur	predict	relate	study
all	brief	concrete	debate	essential	graphic	irrelevant	opinion	prepare	relationship	style
alter	calculate	conditions	defend	establish	heading	isolate	opponent	preview	relevant	subject
always	caption	conduct	define	estimate	highlight	italics	oppose	previous	rephrase	subjective
analysis	categorize	confirm	demand	estimation	idea	judge	opposite	primarily	report	substitute
analyze	category	conflicting	demonstrate	evaluate	identify	judgment	optional	prior	represent	succinct
annotate	cause	consequence	depict	event	illustrate	key	order	probably	require	sufficient
annotation	character	consider	derive	evidence	imitate	label	organize	procedure	respond	suggest
anticipate	characteristic	consist	describe	exaggerate	impact	likely	origins	profile	response	summarize
any	characterize	consistent	detail	examine	imply	list	outline	project	restate	summary
application	chart	consistently	detect	example	include	literal	pace	prompt	results	support
apply	chronological	constant	determine	excerpt	incorporate	locate	paraphrase	property	reveal	survey
approach	chronology	constitutes	develop	exclude	indicate	logical	participation	proponents	review	symbolize
appropriate	citation	consult	devise	exemplary	indirect	main	passage	propose	select	synthesis
approximate	cite	context	differentiate	exhibit	infer	maintain	pattern	prose	selection	synthesize
argue	claim	continuum	diminish	explain	inference	margin	perform	prove	sequence	trace
argument	clarify	contradict	direct	explore	influence	mean	perspective	portray	series	trait
arrange	class	contradiction	discipline	expository	inform	method	persuade	portrayal	show	typically
article	classify	contribute	discover	express	inquire	model	place	purpose	signal	unified
articulate	clue	control	discriminate	extract	instructions	modify	plagiarism	quotation	significance	unique
aspects	code	convey	discuss	fact	integrate	most likely	plan	quote	skim	vary
assemble	common	convince	distinguish	factor	intent	motivation	plausible	rank	solve	verify
assert	compare	correlate	domain	feature	intention	narrative	plot	rare	source	viewpoint
assess	compile	correspond	draw	figurative	interact	never	point	rarely	speaker	
associate	complement	counterclaim	effect	figure	interaction	no	point of view	reaction	specific	