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Word	Definition	Examples
accurate	An assessment word that means free of errors.	Which of the following sentences most <i>accurately</i> describe the setting of the story?
after	An assessment word that means following in time or place.	What happened <i>after</i> 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 <i>all</i> ?
analyze	An assessment word that means to study something carefully.	<i>Analyze</i> 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 <i>argument</i> .
audience	The group of people the author thought of when writing the story.	Who was the author's intended <i>audience</i> ?
author	An author is a person who has written a book.	What is the <i>author's</i> point of view?
before	An assessment term that means at an earlier time.	What happened <i>before</i> the 3 rd paragraph?
beginning	An assessment term that means the first part of something.	At the <i>beginning</i> 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 <i>best</i> 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 <i>cause</i> and effect?
central idea	An assessment term used to refer to central ideas (broad idea) are found in an informational text.	What is the <i>central idea</i> of the passage?
character	Character can be defined as any person, animal, or figure represented in a literary work.	Identify the main <i>character</i> of the story.
choose	An assessment word that means to select or make a decision.	<i>Choose</i> 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 <i>climax</i> of the story.
clue	An assessment term that means something that helps a person find item/object.	Which <i>clue</i> helped you answer Part A?
compare	An assessment word that means to find similarities among passages.	<i>Compare</i> and contrast the characters of the story.
complete	An assessment term that means fully carried out or finished.	<i>Complete</i> 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 <i>conclusion</i> ?
conflict	Conflict occurs when the leading character is opposed by some person or force in the passage.	What is the <i>conflict</i> of the story?

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contrast	An assessment word that means to find differences among passages.	Compare and <i>contrast</i> the characters of the story.
correct	An assessment term that means to alter or adjust to make something right.	Which of these is the <i>correct</i> answer?
define	An assessment term that means state the meaning of the word.	<i>Define</i> the word 'simple'.
describe	Describe is defined as the ability to give details of an event in written or spoken language.	<i>Describe</i> 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 <i>drop down menu</i> 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 <i>effects</i> when _____?
end	An assessment term that means the last part of a story, movie, song, or set of data.	How did the story <i>end</i> ?
evidence	Evidence is defined as something that is true (the facts).	Which choice provides <i>evidence</i> from the story?
explain	Explain is defined as making something easy to understand.	<i>Explain</i> 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 <i>facts</i> 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 <i>falling action</i> 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 <u>False</u> .
fiction	Fiction is a story that has been made up/invented.	Identify which story was <i>fiction</i> .
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 <i>figurative language</i> ?
find	An assessment term that means to obtain by locating an answer.	<i>Find</i> 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 <i>genre</i> of this story.
graph	An assessment term that refers to a visual representation of information in which students use to answer questions.	A <i>graph</i> 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 <i>hypothesis</i> by completing the following sentence: "If _____, then _____ will happen."
identify	Identify means to recognize the correct answer.	<i>Identify</i> 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 <i>idiom</i> ?

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inference	Inference means to reach a conclusion based on facts.	Based on the title, what <i>inference</i> can you make about the story?
introduction	An assessment term to refer to the beginning of something.	In the <i>introduction</i> , 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 <i>literal meaning</i> ?
locate	An assessment term that means to find or pinpoint.	<i>Locate</i> 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 <i>main idea</i> 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 <i>most likely</i> to happen next?
nonfiction	Nonfiction is writing based on facts, actual events, and real people.	Is this passage fiction or <i>nonfiction</i> ?
noun	An assessment term that refers to a person, place, thing, or idea.	Choose the <i>noun</i> that is underlined in this sentence.
opinion	An assessment term that refers to a personal view or attitude.	List two <i>opinions</i> 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 <i>order</i> .
part	An assessment term used to refer to a specific item (i.e., Part A).	Which of the following sentences best supports the answer in <i>Part A</i> ?
passage	An assessment term used to refer to a portion or section of a written work; a paragraph.	Which <i>passage</i> 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 <i>persuasive</i> essay.
plot	A series of events that happen in a text.	Identify the <i>plot</i> of the story.
point of view	Point of view is an opinion, attitude, or judgment.	What is the author's <i>point of view</i> ?
predicate	Predicate is the part of a sentence containing a verb and stating something about the subject.	Is the underlined word a subject or <i>predicate</i> ?
predictions	A prediction is a reading strategy in which readers use text features and personal experiences to guess what comes next.	What do you <i>predict</i> the character will do next?
prefix	Prefix is a word or letter that comes before a root word.	Which of these is the <i>prefix</i> ?
pronoun	A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun (i.e., she/he).	Identify the <i>pronoun</i> in the following sentence.
relevant	Relevant is defined as important information or information that is connected.	Which of these is <i>relevant</i> to paragraph 2?
respond	Respond means to reply or provide an answer.	<i>Respond</i> 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 <i>rising action</i> 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 <i>root</i> word?
select	Select means to choose or pick an answer.	<i>Select</i> 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 <i>sentence fragment</i> ?
setting	Setting refers to when and where a story takes place.	Identify the <i>setting</i> of the story.
show	An assessment term used as a way to prove or produce an answer.	<i>Show</i> 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 <i>subject</i> of the sentence.
suffix	A suffix is added to the end of the root word.	Which of these is a <i>suffix</i> ?
summary	A summary contains the important parts of a story.	Which of these is the best <i>summary</i> for this story?
support	An assessment term refers to using sentences from a passage or text features to help prove the answer is correct.	<i>Support</i> 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 <i>territory</i> 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 <i>text feature</i> supports your answer?
theme	Theme is a broad idea, message, or moral of a story.	Identify the <i>theme</i> of the story.
tone	Tone communicates, through words, a feeling or attitude.	What is the <i>tone</i> of the story?
true	An assessment term that means accurate or Correct.	A noun is a person, place, or thing. <u>True</u> or False.
verb	A verb is a word that describes physical action, mental action, or state of being.	Is the underlined word a <i>verb</i> ?