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12 Powerful Words
You will see on the TAKS Test!
12 Powerful Words

- Trace
- Analyze
- Infer
- Evaluate
- Formulate
- Describe
- Support
- Explain
- Summarize
- Compare
- Contrast
- Predict

Trace

- Follow
- Go over
- Copy
- Outline
Trace Ex.

- Which sentence best traces Colonel William’s military career?

Analyze

- Take it apart
- Piece by piece
- Break down
- Figure it Out
- Study
- Examine
Analyze Ex.

- **Analyze** the different stages of mitosis.

Infer

- Read between the lines
- What do you really mean?
- Hint
- Fill in the blank
- What is your opinion
Infer Ex.

- After reading “Guardian Angel” you can **infer** that Sinan:
  - A. Is a caring person
  - B. Only helps people for money
  - C. Hates tourists
  - D. Is very unhappy with his life

Evaluate

- Judge
- Grade
- Rank
- Test
- Assess
- Score
- Review
- Good or Bad?
Evaluate Ex.

- **Evaluate** the expression: $2x + 12 = 12$
  - A. $x = 12$
  - B. $x = 0$
  - C. $x = 10$
  - D. $x = 1$

Formulate

- Come up with
- Plan
- Make It
- Put It Together
- Add Up
- Create
- Develop
Formulate Ex.

- Bob makes $100 in commission on each car he sells. **Formulate** an equation that shows how much money Bob will make if he sells 20 cars this weekend.
  - A. $C = 100 + 20$
  - B. $C = \frac{100}{20}$
  - C. $C = 100 \times 20$
  - D. $C = \left(\frac{100}{20}\right) + 20$

Describe

- Tell About It
- Paint a Picture with Words
- Tell What
- Tell More
- Illustrate
- Show
Describe Ex.

- How would you describe the German soldiers in “The Crystal Night”? Support your answer with evidence from the selection.

Support

- Prove It
- Explains why
- Back Up
- Give me reasons
Support Ex.

How would you describe the German soldiers in “The Crystal Night”? **Support** your answer with evidence from the selection.

- In **APE Writing**: Support = P
- A is for Answer
- P is for **Prove (with a quote from selection)**
- E is for Explain

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Explain

- Tell Why
- Give reasons
- Give Details
- Show in Writing
- What is the problem?
Explain Ex.

- **Explain** why Samuel did not agree with Deborah in, “The Solemn Night”. Support your answer with evidence from the selection.

Summarize

- Important Stuff
- Brief Description
- Short Version
- Put in your own words
- Re-tell it in order
- Sum up
Summary Ex.

- Which of these is the best plot summary of the selection?

Compare

- How they are alike
- Same
- Similar
- What do they have in common?
Compare Ex.

- **Compare** Sinan in “Guardian Angel” to the Chief in “Out of Time”. Support your answer with evidence from both selections.

Contrast

- How are they Different?
- Opposite
- Unalike
- Check for Differences
Contrast Ex.

Which sentence shows how Corporal Ellis and Corporal Williams contrast?

- A. Corporal Williams is black, and Corporal Ellis is white.
- B. Corporal Williams is from the South, and Corporal Ellis is from the North.
- C. Corporal Ellis wants to eat breakfast, but Corporal Williams is not hungry.
- D. Corporal Ellis likes the elderly man, but Corporal Williams does not.

Predict

- What will happen next?
- Tell why this will happen
- Forecast
- Expect
- See Coming
At an automobile dealership, 2 out of every 12 cars sold are red. Which is the best prediction of the number of red cars sold when the automobile dealer sells 150 cars?

A. 75
B. 25
C. 15
D. 12
Trace means…?

- Break apart
- Judge
- Tell all about
- List in steps
- Create

Analyze means…?

- Tell how
- Break apart
- Back up with details
- List in steps
Infer means…?
- Back up with details
- All the ways they are different
- All the ways they are the same
- Read between the lines

Evaluate means…?
- What will happen next
- Judge
- Create
- Tell all about
Formulate means…?
- Create
- Give the short version
- List in steps
- Break apart

Describe means…?
- Break apart
- Tell how
- Tell all about
- Read between the lines
Support means…?
- Tell how
- Judge
- Back up with details
- Give the short version

Predict means…?
- List in steps
- Break apart
- Tell how
- What will happen next
Explain means…?

- List in steps
- What will happen next
- Create
- Tell how

Summarize means…?

- Tell all about
- Read between the lines
- Give the short version
- Back up with details
Compare means…?
- All the ways they are alike
- All the ways they are different
- Tell all about
- Give the short version

Contrast means…?
- All the ways they are alike
- All the ways they are different
- Tell all about
- Read between the lines
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