

12 POWERFUL WORDS THAT TRIP UP STUDENTS ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

Word	Short Student Friendly Phrases
Trace	Follow, track outline, list in steps
Analyze	Think through, break apart, break into pieces
Infer	Figure out, read between the lines, predict, what are they trying to say
Evaluate	Judge, value of, meaning, examine, solve, test for the truth of, tell one good and one bad
Formulate	Come up with, make a plan, develop, make, create
Describe	Tell about, show me, list details
Support	Provide reasons, tell reasons, give examples, back it up
Explain	Tell all about, tell what and why, tell how, teach to someone else
Summarize	Tell main parts, bottom line, main ideas
Compare	List sames, all the ways they are alike
Contrast	List differences, all the ways they are different
Predict	Educated guess, tell what could or may happen, look into the future