

Key Words

Compare

- state what is the **same** and what is **different**
- include **one or more** examples

Define

- state the **meaning** of the word or phrase
- **distinguish** the meaning from similar words or phrases

Describe

- may refer to a description of:
 - a thing, or
 - a person, or
 - an idea, or
 - the sequence of events, or
 - a problem's solution
- use words to create a **mental picture** of what is being described
- organize the **characteristics** and **key features**

Determine

- **solve** a problem using **logical reasoning**

Explain or Explain Your Thinking

- provide **specific** and **relevant** details
- use words to **clarify**:
 - **how** something or someone works, or
 - **what** something or someone is like, or
 - **why** something happens, or
 - **why** something works the way it does

Identify

- provide a **reason** or **name** of a person, place or thing
 - use information **from the reading selection**

Justify

- give **reasons and/or evidence** to show why an answer, argument or conclusion is correct

List

- provide information in **point form**

Predict

- identify what **may happen** based on information from the reading selection

Summarize

- briefly identify the **main idea**
- **support** the main idea using **relevant details** from the original text

Support Your Answer

- use information from the reading selection
 - use **specific details in the text** to prove your answer
- use your own ideas to support your answer
 - include your **prior knowledge** and **experience** to develop the answer