



Kindergarten Academic Vocabulary

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Reading Foundations	Reading Literature	Reading Nonfiction	Reading Vocabulary	Speaking & Listening	Writing	Media Literacy
beginning blend capital consonant decode delete demonstrate different final high-frequency identity long vowel lowercase letter middle (medial) order pace phoneme print produce pronounce read recognize rhyme sentence short vowel sight similar sound substitute syllable text uppercase letter vowel word	answer ask author character compare contrast define describe event fairly tale genre identify illustration illustrator key detail main topic narrative nursery rhyme poem prediction recognize retell setting story storybook text	answer ask author concept connection describe difference event identify illustration information key details main idea nonfiction text reason recognize relationship retell similarity support text text feature title topic	category context clue identity inflectional ending opposite picture clue recognize sort	clarify collaborate conversation detail directions discussion information key detail participate poem recite rhyme speaker task text topic	asking sentence audience capital letter capitalization conventions detail edit format identify information lowercase letter main idea narrate noun plural pronoun publish punctuation punctuation mark purpose reason recognize revise singular source story telling sentence text topic uppercase letter writing process	advertisement commercial identity logo recognize sign



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accurate affix alphabetical beginning blend capital comparative compound comprehension consonant contraction decode delete diagraph distinguish exclamation expression final high-frequency long vowel middle (medial) period plural punctuation question mark r-controlled vowel recognize root word segment sentence short vowel substitute syllable text verb vowel word family	central message character characteristic compare confirm contrast demonstrate describe detail event fable fairy tale genre identify illustration key detail lesson main idea narrative narrator nursery rhyme plot predict retell sequence setting storybook text	answer ask cause clarify confirm connection describe difference effect glossary identify illustration information key details key fact main idea nonfiction text reason retell sequential similarity support table of contents text text feature topic	affix antonym context clue define glossary identity illustration inflectional ending recognize root senses sort synonym text feature	clarify collaborate conversation different directions discussion identity key detail participate poem recite rhyme sensory detail similar speaker task	demonstrate details media speaker

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audience beginning capitalization comma common noun conclusion conventions convey declarative sentence describe detail develop end exclamation mark exclamatory sentence fact	format genre graphic organizer identify imperative sentence interrogative sentence legible lowercase main idea middle noun past period pronoun precise word present	presentation Pronoun proper noun publish punctuation purpose question mark reason research revise series topic topic sentence uppercase verb writing process



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abbreviation common compound comprehension contraction decode expression high-frequency irregular long vowel possessive prefix recognize root word short vowel suffix syllable unfamiliar word family	author central message character compare conclusion confirm content contrast culture demonstrate describe dialogue digital text diverse culture fable folktale identify illustration introduction key detail lesson main idea moral plot point of view prediction prior knowledge quotation mark recount setting text text feature time period	caption cause clarify compare confirm connection contrast contribute describe details effect explain facts heading identify index key fact main idea multi-paragraph nonfiction paragraph procedure process sequential series support supporting fact table of contents text text feature topic	affix alliteration antonym clarify consult context clue determine dictionary digital heading identify Idiom Multi-meaning word onomatopoeia phrase print reference materials rhythm root word simile synonym table of contents text feature	clarification clarify collaborate comprehension conversation discussion explanation fact focus humor key idea Media pace paraphrase participate presentation purpose recite recount sensory detail text topic	entertainment media persuasion recognize source transmission of culture

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adjective adverb apostrophe capitalization collective noun comma common noun concluding statement conclusion consonant-blend pattern contraction conventions declarative sentence detail draft edit exclamatory sentence fact	feedback format genre imperative sentence interrogative sentence introduction irregular plural noun irregular verb legible long vowel narrative noun opinion paragraph past tense period personal pronoun	possessive noun possessive pronoun proper noun publish punctuation purpose question mark r-controlled vowel reference materials research revise series short vowel singular possessive summarize temporal word verb writing process



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accurate	author	author	affix	chronological	distinguish
appropriate	book series	chart	antonym	collaborate	entertainment
blend	chapter	chronological order	consult	comment	interpretation
common	character	compare	context clue	demonstrate	media
consonant	character trait	contrast	determine	detail	persuasion
contraction	compare	demonstrate	figurative language	discussion	purpose
decode	contrast	describe	homograph	elaborate	transmission
expression	demonstrate	determine	homonym	emphasize	of culture
passage	distinguish	distinguish	identify	engage	
plural	diverse culture	events	idiom	enhance	
possessive	explicit	explicit	reference materials	express	
prefix	fable	facts	root word	fact	
root word	folktale	format	synonym	format	
suffix	illustration	identify	text feature	main idea	
syllable	mood	illustration		media	
unfamiliar	narrator	indicate		narrative	
word family	plot	key detail		pace	
	point of view	main idea		paraphrase	
	scene	nonfiction text		presentation	
	setting	opinion		reference	
	stanza	perspective		report	
	tall tale	problem		role	
	text	procedure		speaker	
	theme	process		supporting detail	
		reasons		text	
		recount		topic	
		sequence			
		solution			
		text			
		text feature			
		topic			

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abstract noun adjective adverb affix apostrophe capitalization category character comma comparative adjective comparative adverb complex sentence compound sentence comprehension conclusion conjugate contraction conventions coordinate conjunction cursive declarative sentence detail dialogue draft	edit exclamatory sentence fact feedback format genre homograph homophone imperative sentence informative composition interrogative sentence interview introduction irregular verb legible legible main idea modify narrative noun opinion persuasion plural possessive present	publish punctuation purpose quotation mark reason reference materials reference text regular verb research revise sequence singular possessive source subordinate conjunction superlative adjective superlative adverb text feature title topic transition word verb verb tense writing process



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Reading Foundations	Reading Literature	Reading Nonfiction	Reading Vocabulary	Speaking & Listening	Media Literacy
accurate accurately affix appropriate consonant decode expression morphology passage pattern syllabication pattern syllable vowel	character compare contrast culture drama evidence explicit first-person inference interpret legend multimedia myth narrator novel paraphrase play plot poem point of view presentation prose representation setting text theme third-person topic traditional literature visual	cause chronological claim compare concept contrast demonstrate description determine distinguish effect evidence explicit fact firsthand account format heading historical text inference key detail main idea nonfiction text opinion organizational structure procedural procedure secondhand account sequence subheading summarize technical text text text evidence text feature topic	adage antonym consult context clue determine figurative language Greek affix homograph homonym hyperbole identify idiom Latin affix metaphor prefix proverb reference materials simile suffix synonym text feature word pattern word root	audience clarify collaborate comment conclusion contribute demonstrate discussion engage enhance evidence express format introduction key idea main idea multimedia narrative pace presentation reference report role speaker summary text text structure theme topic	claim evidence multimedia

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adjective
adverb
apostrophe
audience
capitalization
comma
complex sentence
composition
compound sentence
comprehension
conclusion
context
contraction
conventions
coordinating conjunction
cursive
declarative sentence
dialogue
draft
edit
exclamatory sentence
fact
feature

feedback
format
genre
homograph
homophone
imperative sentence
information composition
interrogative sentence
introduction
legible
main idea
modal auxiliaries
multimedia
narrate
narrative
noun
opinion
organizational feature
paragraph
persuasion
possessive
preposition
pronoun

publish
punctuation
purpose
quotation
reason
reference materials
reflexive pronoun
relative adverb
relative pronoun
research
revise
senses
source
subordinate conjunction
summarize
summary
text
topic
transitional word
verb
verb tense
writing process



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accurate accurately affix appropriate expression morphology passage syllabication pattern syllable	analyze compare contrast determine dialogue explicit genre inference multimedia narrator play plot poem point of view portray presentation quote representation scene series speaker stanza summarize text text structure theme topic	account analyze claim compare contrast determine digital source event evidence explicit inference key detail main idea nonfiction text organizational structure perspective quote represent subject summarize text text feature topic	adage allusion analogy antonym context clue determine dictionary figurative language Greek affix homograph hyperbole identity idiom imagery Latin affix metaphor prefix pronunciation proverb reference materials simile suffix symbolism synonym text feature thesaurus word pattern word root	claim collaborate comment conclusion demonstrate discussion elaborate engage enhance establish evidence express format introduction key idea main idea multimedia narrative pace present presentation reference remark resource summary text text structure theme topic	claim evaluate evidence media opinion

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apostrophe
appositive
audience
audience
capitalization
category
clause
climax
comma
complex sentence
compound sentence
conclusion
conclusion
conflict
conventions
coordinating conjunction
copyright
correlative conjunction
declarative sentence
dialogue
draft
edit
effect

exclamatory sentence
exposition
feedback
figurative language
format
genre
imperative sentence
informative composition
interrogative sentence
intonation
introduction
legible
narrative
narrator
pace
perfect tense
persuasion
plagiarism
preposition
prepositional phrase
presentation
primary and secondary source

publish
punctuation
purpose
qualitative
quantitative
quotation
reference materials
research
resolution
revise
sequence
simple sentence
source
subordinating conjunction
text feature
tone
topic
transitional word
verb
verb tense
vocabulary
writing process