**Tier 2 Vocabulary Words for High School**

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**Vocabulary and Kid-Friendly Glossary &**

**Examples**

**analyze**

To study something carefully in order to understand it or learn more about it.

"Elise needed to **analyze** the test question - What exactly was the question asking for?"

**approach**

To move closer to someone or something.

"Mr. Kyes will **approach** Mr. Taylor to ask if Damian is at grade level."

**area**

The measurement of the surface inside the boundaries of something (square units).

"Mrs. Garcia's kitchen wall was eight feet high and ten feet wide**;** to paint this wall she needed a can of paint to cover an **area** of eighty square feet.

**assess**

To judge or figure out the value of something, both good and bad values.

"The coach had to **assess** his players to decide which one would play first base."

**assume**

To suppose that something is true without checking first.

"Ellie **assumed** that she would get a high score on her math test without studying, but her score was low...

**authority**

The right or power to make rules and see that the rules are followed.

"Mr. Taylor has **authority** in his class**;** the Fire Department has **authority** at a fire scene."

**available**

Able to be used or gotten.

"The last Harry Potter movie should be really exciting, but it's not **available** yet."

**benefit**

Something that helps good to happen.

"Suzette was great at playing soccer; a real **benefit** to her team!"

**concept**

An idea or thought.

" 'Is that your **concept** of fair play?' shouted the coach when Elton intentionally tripped the runner."

**consist**

To be made up of something. "Her favorite chocolate fudge **consists** of sugar, corn syrup, cocoa, butter, milk, and chopped walnuts."

**constitute**

To be something or a part of something.

" 'Helping me to get up does not **constitute** an apology!' said Elsbet angrily, after Harry had knocked her down."

**context**

The words and phrases that surround a word or sentence, and help to understand the meaning of the word or sentence.

"I said that I don't trust dishonest people, not that I don't trust all people**;** you've taken the words out of **context**!"

**contract**

A document of formal or legal agreement.

"Mr. and Mrs. Young signed a **contract** with the apartment owner. The Young’s agreed to pay rent each month for a year, and the owner agreed that they could live in the apartment for a year."

**create**

To make something.

"In art class Ms. Miller explained how to **create** a cereal bowl from wet, grey clay."

**data**

Information, often in the form of facts or numbers.

"Mr. Taylor wrote down the class test scores in his notebook, and then entered that **data** in his computer."

**define**

To describe something exactly.

"That row of barbed-wire fence **defines** the edge of Grandpa's field."

**derive**

To get something from a source.

"The word 'home' **derives** from an Old English word which meant a place to lie down and rest."

**distribute**

To give something out to a number of people.

"Mr. Taylor will **distribute** 'Kid-Friendly Glossary & Examples' sheets to his class."

**economy**

Getting something done in the most effective way, with the best results for the amount of effort, money, and material used.

"Harry was the best jumper on our track team; he smoothly cleared the top rail of the high jump with great **economy** of motion."

**environment**

All that surrounds something.

"The aquarium tank contains the **environment** of Patrick's angel fish**;** the forest is the **environment** of the crested woodpecker."

**establish**

To start or set up something that is meant to last a long time.

"The University of Michigan was **established** in 1834."

**estimate**

A rough calculation, an educated guess.

"Nine years old is my **estimate** of Theo's age."

**evident**

Obvious or easy to understand.

"He couldn't answer any of his partner's questions. It was **evident** that Jake hadn't read his assignment."

**export**

To send goods for sale to another country.

"Mr. Stevens needed to update his **export** license before he could sell his wheat to Portugal."

**factor**

Something that is part of what makes another thing happen.

"Eating a balanced diet and exercising are **factors** in staying healthy." Also, "Not paying attention in class and not doing homework are **factors** in failing a test."

**finance**

To raise or provide money for something or someone.

"I'd like to buy that new truck, but I don't think I can **finance** that much money right now."

**formula**

A rule that is written in symbols and numbers.

"The **formula** for the area of a rectangle is A = b \* h " (area = base \* height)."

**function**

The purpose for which something is designed or used.

"The **function** of the school bus is to carry students to and from school."

**identify**

To recognize and name something or somebody.

"Hector **identified** the jacket that he had lost**;** it was in the school's 'Lost and Found' box."

**income**

Money received over a period of time for work done or goods sold.

"Todd worked part-time that summer and earned an **income** of $300. "

**indicate**

To show or point out something.

"Jasmine said that she liked her aunt's cake, but her sour face **indicated** that she really didn't like it." Also, "The thermometer **indicates** that it's a very hot day."

**interpret**

To find or explain the meaning of something. Also, to translate the meaning of

words from one language into another **language.**

"The poem wrote about flowers and winds, but at the poetry reading the poem was

**interpreted** to be about sadness and loneliness." Also, "Wendy sat close to the new kindergartener to **interpret** for her."

**involve**

To include something as necessary.

"Making a cake **involves** measuring, mixing, baking, and decorating."

**issue**

The main idea to be talked about, or a particular publication (magazine, stamp, stocks or bonds).

" 'That's not the **issue**,' said Ricardo. 'We were going to plan a surprise party, not talk about the weather!' " Also, "Do you have the December 2010 **issue** of 'National Geographic'? "

**labor**

Physical work, especially using strength**;** or the group of all workers of a country or industry. "The **labor** union at the Chevrolet plant was telling the automobile workers not to go to work in the morning." Also, "Making the beautiful flower arrangement for her mother was a **labor** of love."

**legal**

Allowed by law, or related to law and courts of law.

"Speeding on the city streets is not **legal**."

**legislate**

To write and pass laws.

"The candidate promised to **legislate** to make more jobs available."

**major**

Of great importance, size, or seriousness; also, a military title.

"**Major** Samuelson announced that the weather satellite showed a **major** storm coming into southern Arizona."

**method**

A way of doing something**;** orderliness.

"The lattice **method** is one way to multiply**;** long division is one **method** of dividing."

**occur**

To happen, or to come into one's mind.

"What time will that **occur**? It just **occurred** to me that we are late!"

**percent**

Used to express a proportion in hundredths, sometimes with the ' %' sign.

"Elizabeth knew that '**percent**' meant 'per hundred'**.** That's why '70%' is the same as '70 hundredths' or '**.**70 ' or '70/100' . "

**period**

A punctuation mark(**.**) used at the end of a sentence or in abbreviations; also a division of time.

"It didn't look good. The U of A Wildcats hadn't scored at all by the end of the first **period**."

**policy**

A way of acting that is used by a person, or group or government.

"It was Grandfather's **policy** to never charge anything on credit. He would not buy at all if

he couldn't pay cash."

**principle**

The basic way something works**;** also, the model of quality or right-and-wrong that people follow in life.

"I try to always tell the truth, as a matter of **principle**."

**proceed**

To go on to do something.

"After the guard checked Mrs. Slone's identification, he told her to **proceed** into the building."

**process**

A number of actions done to make a special thing happen.

Registering to vote is a careful **process:** First, you must show that you are a citizen and are at least 18 years old**.** Then you must show that you live in this county**.**

**require**

To need something or somebody.

"Mary's dog **requires** a rabies vaccination before it can get a dog license."

**research**

To look for facts in a careful, organized way for the purpose of learning about something, or telling whether what you already know is true or not.

"Elliot began his **research** with the 1938 passenger lists of a steamship. He wanted to find out how his grandfather first came to America."

**respond**

To give an answer.

"The dog will always **respond** to a knock on the door by loud barking!"

**role**

An acting part in a movie, play, or other performance; also, an expected way that someone or something**.**

"At the neighborhood potluck, Martha's **role** was to set out the cold food while Paul fired up the grill and Kathryn filled the cooler with Pepsi and 7-Up."

**section**

A distinct part of the whole of something.

"Luz separated the tangerine into 12 **sections**."

**sector**

A pie-shaped part of a circle**;** also, a part of an area where military forces are in control.

"The General's plan called for **Sector** B to move out at dawn."

**significant**

Meaningful, or having an important effect.

"Jessie's home run was **significant** in helping her team to win the game."

**similar**

Like something else, but not totally the same.

"The two trucks were **similar:** both were 2005 pickups, but one was black and one was red."

**source**

The person, place, or thing where something started or was found.

"Grandmother looked for the **source** of the leak that was making a puddle on the kitchen floor." Also, "What is the **source** of the information in your science report?"

**specific**

Description that is exact and detailed enough to identify a particular person, place, or thing. "The doctor gave **specific** instructions to Heather's nurse."

**structure**

Something built; or the way parts go together and work together.

"That old iron bridge is an interesting **structure;** look how all the pieces fit together!"

**theory**

An idea or set of ideas about how and why things work together.

"Sylvia had a **theory** about how to increase her vocabulary."

**vary**

To change something.

"Max would **vary** his lunch. Sometimes he had a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich; sometimes he had pizza."

**EOC Terms/Vocabulary**

1. analyze\*to separate into parts and examine

2. apply\*to bring together information from one situation and transfer it to another

3. assume\*to take upon oneself; to adopt

4. affect\*to influence the reader or cause a particular response in the reader

5. compare\*to examine the similarities and differences; emphasizing similarities

6. contrast\*to examine the differences

7. convey\* to communicate by statement, suggestion, or appearance

8. convince\* to persuade to a viewpoint based upon specific references to the passage

9. describe\* to tell or write about, using details

10. elaborate\*to add details, explanation, examples, or other information to improve understanding

11. evaluate\*to judge the reasonableness and quality of ideas

12. explain\* to respond to questions; to give one’s viewpoint’ to defend a viewpoint

13. imagine/pretend\* to form a notion or idea about something

14. impression\*feeling resulting something

15. infer\*to arrive (figure out/guess) at a conclusion after analyzing the facts

16. justify\*to defend or prove a response using specific examples

17. predict\*to estimate (guess) future events based upon present and past information.

18. react\* to respond

19. reference\* to cite (give) information in order to support a viewpoint

20. represent/show/model\* to serve as a sign of symbol

21. summarize\* to restate the main points in a brief manner

22. details\* the specific parts of a whole

23. evidence\*something that serves to illustrate or prove

24. example\*an instance that serves to illustrate

25. fact\* that which can be proven or verified

26. feature\*a characteristic of a passage

27. illustration\* a picture or drawing

28. opinion\* a belief or view about a manner (not fact)

29. passage\* a brief portion of a written work

30. excerpt\* a passage from a written work

31. frequency\* how often something occurs

32. cite\* to bring forward or call attention to

33. trend\* a prevailing tendency

34. correlation\*something that shows a relationship

**More EOC Words to Know**

1. Sentimental\*emotional attachment, lovey-dovey, mushy, romantic, tear-jerking

2. Reflective\* thinking back, contemplative, meditating

3. Lighthearted\*carefree, not stresses, happy-go-lucky, merry, jolly, not always serious.

4. Sarcastic\*Mocking, scornful, says the opposite of what is meant, witty

5. Perceptive\*observant, responsive, knowing, insightful

6. Optimistic\*Anticipating only the best to happen, hopeful, positive, cheerful outlook

7. Regret/Remorseful\*To be sorry for

8. Proud\*arrogant, haughty, vain, showing pride, excessive self-esteem

9. Appreciative/appreciate\* showing appreciation, cherishing something, show gratitude, be thankful, to like

10. Mocking\*imitate, ridicule, mimic

11. Depressing\*feeling sad, gloom, being in the dumps, unhappy

12. Differ\*to be unalike, to disagree, opposite opinion

13. Objective\*Expressing or dealing with facts or conditions without influence from your opinions, beliefs; unbiased, fair, impartial, unprejudiced

14. Puzzled\*confused, disoriented, baffled

15. Critical\*Looking for flaws or defects, points out the negative, against

16. Satire\*Humorous ridicule, a literary work ridiculing someone’s faults

17. Satirical\*relating to satire

18. Ridicule\* To make an object of laughter, to make fun, poke at

19. Synonyms\* Words that have the same meaning (angry/mad…cheerful/happy)

20. Antonyms\*Words that the opposite meaning (good/bad…beautiful/ugly)

21. Consequence\*Results of an action or decision, aftermath

22. Purpose\*destination, goal, intention, mission, objective, the reason you do something

23. Persuade\*to change someone’s opinion or stand on an issue

24. Demonstrates\*shows, exhibits, displays, to show clearly, to prove with evidence

25. Evidence\* proof, testimony, witness

26. Opinion\*point of view, conviction, belief

27. Gratification\*a source of satisfaction or pleasure, reward

28. Comparison\*an examination of two things to look for similarities and differences

29. Vague\*not clearly expressed or defined, obscure, ambiguous, blurry

30. Ambiguous/ambiguity\*uncertain, unclear, unsure, doubtful, capable of being understood in more than one way

31. Example\* a pattern to be imitated, one that is representative of the whole

32. Similarities\*resemblance, likeness

33. Differences\*the qualities that make things or ideas unalike and dissimilar,

34. Optimism\* brightness, idealism, positive

35. Setting\*The time, place, and circumstance when something occurs

36. Contrast\*to compare to look for differences

37. Related\*to show a connection between two things

38. Emphasizes/highlights\*draws attention to

39. Achieved/achieves\*to reach, accomplish, to meet

40. Inferred\*guess, concluded

41. Conclude\*to decide, to determine, to bring to an end

42. Determine\*to settle, to decide, to conclude

43. Context\*the parts that precede or follow a specific incident in writing

44. incident\*an individual event, a specific moment

45. influenced\*to have an impact or effect on something

46. impact\*influence, effect

47. purpose\*the reason, the intended or desired result

48. expresses\*shows, illustrates

49. additional\*extra

50. obstacle\*something that obstructs or hinders or blocks progress

51. classified\*categorized, ranked, identified, placed in a group

52. conflict\*problem, obstacle

53. suggest\*to introduce, to bring to mind, to mention

54. convey\*to communicate, to show

55. premeditates\* to plan before

56. foreshadows\*hints at what is to come

57. accolades\*praises, an expression of approval