

## STAAR ALTERNATE 2 INSTRUCTIONAL TERMS FOR READING LANGUAGE ARTS & ENGLISH

For all subject areas, TEA provides a list of specific instructional terms that students will need exposure to during classroom instruction because the terms may be used on the assessment. However, the lists do not reference all of the content a student would be responsible for. Students need to become familiar with these terms as the student is developmentally able to comprehend the content. Students in higher grades need to also know the terms presented in earlier grades.

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