

STAAR ALTERNATE 2 INSTRUCTIONAL TERMS FOR READING

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.

GRADE 3	GRADE 5	GRADE 7	ENGLISH I & II
Vocabulary Terms nouns verbs	Vocabulary Terms alphabetical order context definition dictionary entry & guide words	Vocabulary Terms multi-meaning words prefixes suffixes	Vocabulary Terms appositives homophones
Literary Terms author, illustrator character conclusion, ending fiction folktale, legend, lesson learned illustration, poetry, rhyme, rhythm	Literary Terms character motivations character traits drama, line, stage direction scene, plot, events setting	Literary Terms <i>none</i>	Literary Terms <i>none</i>
Expository Terms author's purpose main idea & supporting details newspaper, text, article, caption selection, section photograph summary	Expository Terms chart, diagram nonfiction timeline	Expository Terms table of contents, entry	Expository Terms <i>none</i>
Procedural Terms directions, steps	Procedural Terms <i>none</i>	Procedural Terms <i>none</i>	Procedural Terms <i>none</i>
Persuasive Terms <i>none</i>	Persuasive Terms <i>none</i>	Persuasive Terms <i>none</i>	Persuasive Terms opinion
GRADE 4	GRADE 6	GRADE 8	
Vocabulary Terms compound words	Vocabulary Terms antonyms synonyms	Vocabulary Terms root words	
Literary Terms character's actions & feelings drama poem, poet prediction stanza, line	Literary Terms dialogue interaction of characters sensory language speaker	Literary Terms personification set of a play	
Expository Terms subtitles text evidence text features topics, facts	Expository Terms cause & effect symbols	Expository Terms <i>none</i>	
Procedural Terms <i>none</i>	Procedural Terms <i>none</i>	Procedural Terms <i>none</i>	
Persuasive Terms <i>none</i>	Persuasive Terms argument	Persuasive Terms <i>none</i>	