

STAAR ALTERNATE 2 INSTRUCTIONAL TERMS FOR WRITING

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 4	GRADE 7	ENGLISH I	ENGLISH II
report	compound sentence	apostrophe	abbreviations
capitalization capital letters capitalized	contraction	meaning improve meaning retain meaning	argument
combining sentences conjunctions	organize organization (for paragraph)	quotation quotation marks	audience intended audience
comma	persuade persuasive convince	text	initials
conclude conclusion concluding sentence concluding statement	phrase	transition transition words	opinion
details	preposition		
edit	vowels and consonants		
end punctuation: period question mark exclamation mark			
proper nouns			
paragraph			
revise revision			
spelling misspelled words			