

Term, Phrase, or Expression	Simple Definition	Comprehension Support
Analyze	Look at something and the structure of it--usually for explaining something or interpretation	
Infer	Concluding from evidence or reasoning rather than getting an answer straight from the content.	
Persuade	Try to get someone to share your opinion.	
Reflect	Think about something after you have experienced it.	
Interpret	Think deeply or carefully about	
Theme	The main idea or meaning of a text. Often, this is an insight about human life revealed in a literary work (the moral of a story)	In the movie, <i>Finding Nemo</i> , one theme is, "when life gets you down, there's nothing better to do than keep swimming. A little determination goes a long way"
Genre	Any stylistic category in literature that follows specific conventions (romance, historical fiction, fantasy etc.)	Watch this video for examples
Context Clues	Hints that an author gives to help define a difficult or unusual word. These may appear within the same sentence or it may follow in a preceding sentence	Watch this video
Allusion	A reference to something literary, mythological, or historical that the author	

	assumes the reader will recognize	
Irony	A contrast between what is expected and what actually exists or happens	Watch this video for examples
Metaphor	Comparing two unlike things not using “like” or “as”. Something IS something else	Sarah is such a flower; so beautiful. (Sarah is not actually a flower, she is just beautiful like one)
Simile	Comparing two unlike things using “like” or “as”.	Sarah is like a flower; so beautiful. (Sarah is not actually a flower, she is just beautiful like one)
Identify	Establish who or what something or someone is; to put oneself in another’s place or sympathize with them	A woman watching a movie and feeling the pain felt by a woman character in the movie
Thesis Statement	An arguable statement usually to be proven	
Main Idea	Important information that tells more about the overall point of a paragraph	
Prefix	A word or letters placed before another	Comfortable Prefix: UN-comfortable
Suffix	A word or letters placed after another	Comfort Suffix: comfort-ABLE.
Synonym	A word having the same, or nearly the same definition as another word	A book in which synonyms are grouped together is called a thesaurus. <i>ordinary</i> is a synonym for <i>normal</i>
Antonym	A word having a meaning opposite to that of another word	<i>hot</i> and <i>cold</i> <u>tall</u> and <u>short</u>

Denotation	The literal, dictionary definition of a word	If you search for the definition of <u>dove</u> in a dictionary, you will see it means 'a type of pigeon, a wild and domesticated bird having a heavy body and short legs'
Connotation	A meaning that is implied to a word apart from the thing which it describes explicitly (the opposite of denotation)	In literature you often see <u>dove</u> referred to as a symbol of peace