

Term, Phrase, or Expression	Simple Definition	Comprehension Support
Summarize	Write what you read in your own words but with fewer words	
Protagonist	The central character in a story, the one who initiates or drives the action; might or might not be the hero; can be the villain	Katniss in <i>The Hunger Games</i> Harry Potter Luke Skywalker
Antagonist	The character or force that the main character (protagonist) struggles against	Voldemort The wicked witch in <i>Wizard of Oz</i>
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 the 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"
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)
Infer	Concluding from evidence or reasoning rather than getting an answer straight from the content.	
Analyze	Look at something and the structure of it--usually for explaining something or	

	interpretation	
Persuade	Try to get someone to share your opinion.	
Reflect	Think about something after you have experienced it.	
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
Interpret	Think deeply or carefully about	
Genre	Any stylistic category in literature that follows specific conventions (romance, historical fiction, fantasy etc.)	Watch this video for examples
Prefix	A word or letters placed before another	Comfortable Prefix: UN-comfortable
Suffix	A word or letters placed after another	Comfort Suffix: comfort-ABLE.
Main Idea	Important information that tells more about the overall point of a paragraph	
Conclusion	The end or finish	
Thesis Statement	An arguable statement usually to be proven in a written work	
Fact	A statement that is proven	Summer in Minnesota is hot.
Opinion	A view or judgement that is not proven. Not based on fact or knowledge.	I think the summer is the best season.