

# Academic and Domain-Specific Vocabulary

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## Quick Review

In school, you use **ACADEMIC** words like *compare*, *describe*, *explain*, *identify* and **DOMAIN-SPECIFIC** words from subjects like science or social studies (*habitat*, *climate*, *citizen*). Knowing these helps you understand directions and texts.

## PRACTICE

Pick or write the **BEST** answer.

1. If a question asks you to **compare** two animals, you should —
  - A. draw both animals
  - B. tell how the animals are alike AND different
  - C. pick your favorite
  - D. list the animals' names only
2. If a question asks you to **describe** a place, you should —
  - A. tell what it looks, sounds, or feels like with details
  - B. list its phone number
  - C. say only its name
  - D. say only the date
3. If a question asks you to **explain** an idea, you should —
  - A. repeat the question
  - B. tell HOW or WHY something works in your own words
  - C. give one short word
  - D. skip the question
4. If a question asks you to **identify** the main idea, you should —
  - A. pick or name the main idea clearly
  - B. guess at random
  - C. leave the answer blank
  - D. rewrite the whole passage



5. In a science book, **habitat** means —
  - A. the food an animal eats
  - B. the place where a plant or animal lives
  - C. the size of an animal
  - D. the noise an animal makes
6. In a social studies book, a **citizen** is —
  - A. a kind of car
  - B. a person who belongs to a country
  - C. an old building
  - D. a season of the year
7. In a math book, **estimate** means —
  - A. count exactly
  - B. make a close, careful guess
  - C. ignore
  - D. round numbers always to zero
8. Which is an ACADEMIC verb often used in directions?
  - A. analyze, summarize, predict
  - B. skip, ignore, forget
  - C. laugh, eat, run
  - D. play, draw, sleep
9. Which is a DOMAIN-SPECIFIC word from a science topic?
  - A. food
  - B. photosynthesis
  - C. pretty
  - D. happy
10. Pick ONE academic word from this list: *compare*, *describe*, *summarize*, *explain*. Write a sentence telling what you would do if asked to use that word on a test.  

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# Answer Keys

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Explanations	
<b>1. B</b>	Compare = show similarities and differences.
<b>2. A</b>	Describe = give details that help a reader picture it.
<b>3. B</b>	Explain = give a clear how/why.
<b>4. A</b>	Identify = point out / name.
<b>5. B</b>	Habitat = home/place where it lives.
<b>6. B</b>	Citizen = member of a country.
<b>7. B</b>	Estimate = a reasonable guess. Counting exactly is not estimating.
<b>8. A</b>	Analyze/summarize/predict are common in academic directions.
<b>9. B</b>	Photosynthesis belongs to science. The others are general words.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Example: If a question asks me to summarize, I would write the main idea and the most important details in my own words. Accept any clear explanation of the chosen academic action.



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