

# Academic and Domain-Specific Vocabulary

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## Quick Review

Focus on using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

## PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

- Which choice BEST demonstrates using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely?
  - The historian looked at the old thing and thought stuff.
  - The historian analyzed the primary source to identify bias and perspective.
  - The historian did history words about it.
  - The historian said the source was nice.
- Which revision best applies using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely? Original: The experiment showed a change.
  - The experiment showed a measurable increase in thermal energy.
  - The experiment showed a change.
  - The historian looked at the old thing and thought stuff.
  - The historian did history words about it.
- A student is working on this task: A student writes about ecosystems. Which choice would be MOST effective?
  - The historian looked at the old thing and thought stuff.
  - The historian did history words about it.
  - Use terms such as producer, consumer, habitat, and interdependence accurately.
  - The historian said the source was nice.
- Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?
  - It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.
  - It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.
  - It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.
  - It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely.



5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?
  - A. Add an unrelated personal story.
  - B. Define technical terms when the audience may need support.
  - C. Replace precise words with vague ones.
  - D. Remove the clearest evidence.
6. Which mistake should the student avoid?
  - A. Using advanced words without understanding them.
  - B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.
  - C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.
  - D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.
7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?
  - A. It works because it applies using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely to the exact task.
  - B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
  - C. It is better because it sounds good.
  - D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.
8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?
  - A. Choose the first familiar word.
  - B. Ignore the audience and purpose.
  - C. Pick the longest answer every time.
  - D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.
9. Write one sentence using the academic word evaluate correctly.

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10. Explain why domain-specific vocabulary improves precision.

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8  A  B  C  D
- 9
- 10

### Explanations

1. B	The correct choice demonstrates using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely clearly and precisely.
2. A	The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning.
3. C	The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make.
4. D	Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do.
5. B	The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill.
6. A	The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill.
7. C	A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer.
8. D	Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices.
9.	<b>Answer:</b> Strong answers should explicitly use using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	<b>Answer:</b> Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving using academic and domain-specific vocabulary precisely. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.



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