

STAAR ALTERNATE 2 INSTRUCTIONAL TERMS FOR READING LANGUAGE ARTS / ENGLISH

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 the content a student would be responsible for. Students must become familiar with these terms as they are developmentally able to comprehend the content. Students in higher grades need to also know the terms presented in earlier grades.

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	English I & English II
adjective	apostrophe	author's purpose	alliteration	adverb	article (part of speech)	complex sentence
article	capitalization, capitalized, capitalizes	character traits	cause and effect	compares	root words	compound sentence
author	character's actions	definition	drama, scene, act, dialogue, play	concludes	run-on sentence	fragment, sentence fragment
capital letter, uppercase letter	character's feelings	same	infer, inference	multi-meaning words		outcome
character	conjunction	section	interaction of characters	personification		plot
comma	contraction	speaker	lines (in a poem)	prefix, suffix		quotation marks
complete sentence	difference, different	text	possessive	synonym		supports
conclude, conclusion	incomplete sentence	time line	problem	table of contents		tone
describe, description	opposite		resolution, resolve			
details	phrase		rhyming pattern			
edit, revise	poem, poet, rhyme, rhythm		section			
end punctuation	preposition, prepositional phrase		sensory language			
exclamation point/mark	pronoun		sentence structure			
explains	proper noun		stanza			
information	setting					
key idea	subject-verb					

Grade 3	Grade 4
lowercase letter	summary
meaning, word meaning	underlined
noun	
paragraph	
period	
punctuation mark, punctuate	
question mark	
retell	
sentence	
singular, plural	
story	
title	
verb, verb form, verb tense	