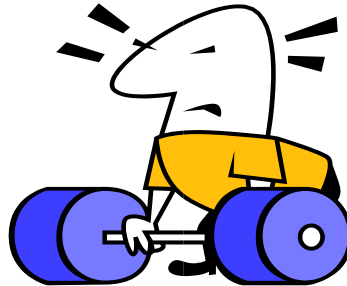


## POWER WORDS TO REMEMBER



### Compare\*

Point out similarities, to examine 2 or more objects and consider the likenesses.

\* If used without CONTRAST, it can mean both similarities AND differences.

### Contrast

Point out differences; to examine 2 or more objects and consider the differences

### Identify

Name, list, and give an example

### Explain

Tell how to do, give the meaning of, or why, give reasons for

### Describe

To give a picture or characteristics of something in words

### Discuss

To give information about something in writing from various points of view

### Define

Give a meaning for a word or phrase

### Effect\*

A result or a consequence that can be positive *or* negative

\*EFFECT IS COMMONLY USED AS A NOUN; AFFECT IS COMMONLY USED AS A VERB.

### Analyze

To study something closely and carefully, especially information; to learn the relationship of the parts

### Summarize

Tell the main idea; tell the beginning, middle, and end

### Support

Back it up or prove your answer with details

### Provide

To make available for use or consideration; to supply something that is useful or necessary

### Evaluate

To judge the condition of something in a careful & thoughtful way (Tell the good and the bad.)

### Differentiate\*

To see or state the differences between two or more things

• DISTINGUISH means the same thing.

Created by Cheryl Ann Hollinger 2010, modified 2012, 2014, 2015. Modification of Larry Bell's Power Words. Available at <http://www.larry-bell.com/>  
This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International License



**Predict**

To say that something will or might  
happen in the future

**Perform**

To carry out, accomplish, or complete a task or action

**Justify**

To give good reasons for; defend; prove or show something to be right or reasonable

**Claim**

A statement that is open to challenge; an answer to a question

**Evidence**

Available body of facts or information that indicates whether a statement is true or valid

**Pose**

To present a problem; ask or suggest a question for

**Interpret**

To explain or provide the meaning of something; understand something in a clear or precise way

**Propose**

To suggest an idea or plan for consideration or discussion by others

**Indicate**

To point out or show; to state briefly; to direct attention to

