

American Literature	short stories, novels, plays, and poems written by authors from the United States
analogy	a comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
argue	have an argument about something
caption	text describing the contents of a picture, graph or chart
chart	a visual display of information
climax	most exciting moment of the story; turning point
compare	to put things together to see how they are the same
compare and contrast	to examine and note the similarities and differences between two or more objects., finding similarities and differences between 2 things
description	the act of describing something
detail	a particular fact or piece of information about something or someone

develop	grow, progress, unfold, or evolve through a process of evolution, natural growth, differentiation
drama	a story that is written to be acted out in front of an audience.
entertain	to interest and amuse
essay	a short piece of nonfiction writing that examines a single subject
example	something selected to show the nature or character of the rest
fact and opinion	a fact can be proved; an opinion is a belief that can not be proved
figure of speech	a word or phrase that describes one thing in terms of another and is not meant to be taken on a literal level
footnote	a note at the bottom of the page used to cite references or give more information
guide words	words at the top of a dictionary page which help locate words
infer	to use available evidence to form a conclusion; an educated guess

inference	a conclusion one can draw from the presented details
inform	the author is trying to give readers information about a topic
job announcement	written statements describing duties and responsibilities of a position
labels	text that describes the data
main point	the most important fact, idea, or opinion
memoir	type of autobiography that covers a short period of time in the author's life.
meter	a pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in poetry
myth	traditional story describing gods or heroes or explaining natural events
narrator	someone who tells a story
news	new information about specific and timely events

novel	a long fictional story which uses all the elements of storytelling (plot, character, setting, point of view, theme).
persuade	to convince
policy	a plan of action adopted by an individual or social group
purpose	reason for doing something
recipe	directions for making something
resolution	how the problem is solved
rhythm	the pattern or beat of a poem.
rising action	the series of conflicts or struggles that build a story toward a climax.
science book	a textbook about science
speaker	the person who is presenting an oral message to a listener

stanza	a group of lines in a poem
synonym	a word having the same or almost the same meaning as some other
topic	the main thought of a paragraph or written work
vocabulary	a language user's knowledge of words
word root	the part of the word that contains its basic meaning