

First Grade Academic Vocabulary Progression List

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			Sentence Frames		
Pre-Academic	Academic	Advanced (Focus)	Pre-Academic	Academic	Advanced
too	also	additionally	I want to go camping, too! I like to sing with _____, too.	Jared is my friend, also. Also, I like...	Additionally, I have to feed the horses. Additionally, horses like...
view	opinion	belief	Some people have the view that snakes are scary. My view of snakes is...	The opinion of a snake expert is based on facts. My opinion of snakes is...	My friend has the belief that snakes should not be kept in a cage. My belief about snakes is...
sort	organize	classify	I can sort the buttons by color. Another way to sort them is...	I can organize the buttons by their shape. My favorite way to organize the buttons is...	When I group the buttons by color, I classify them. I can also classify them by...
compare	compare	compare	Donkeys compare to zebras because...		
think	predict	conclude	I think the dog will chase the cat. I think ...	I predict the cat will run from the dog. I predict...	I conclude that dogs and cats usually don't like each other. I also conclude...
effect	result	consequence	The effect of being in the sun for a long time is a sunburn. The effect of the sunburn is...	If I spend too much time in the sun, it will result in a sunburn. Being at the lake too long will result in...	Red, itchy skin is the consequence of being in the sun too long. Another consequence of a sunburn is...
contrast	contrast	contrast	Another contrast between sharks and whales is...		
facts	information	data	The facts about dinosaurs are interesting. One interesting fact is...	I can read interesting information about dinosaurs. I found information about dinosaurs at...	Where dinosaurs lived is found in the data. Dinosaur data shows...

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different	unlike	difference	Apples and bananas are different. They are different because...	Circles and squares are unlike each other. They are unlike because...	There is a difference between nighttime and daytime. The difference is ...
argue	disagree	dispute	The boys argue about the rules to the game. At recess they argue about...	I disagree that winter has the best sports. My friends and I disagree about...	I dispute that you should be first in line. The girls had a dispute about...
main	major	essential	The main things people need are food and water. The main thing plants need is...	A plant's major needs are sunlight, water and soil. Water is also a major need for...	It is essential for babies to have milk to drink. Milk is also essential for...
look	observe	examine	When I am at the pond, I look at the frog. I also look at...	The baby ducks I observed followed their mother. When I observed the mother ducks, they...	I examine the tadpoles swimming in the pond. Other things I examine at the pond are...
find	locate	identify	My puppy is lost, so I must find her. We will find my puppy...	I will locate the park for the party. At the park, I will locate...	My brother can identify all the monkeys at the zoo. My brother can identify the plants at the...
share	cooperate	participate	I share water with my friends at dance class. When I share with them, I ...	I cooperate with my dance teacher when I listen carefully. Another way to cooperate is...	I am excited to participate in dance with my friends. I will participate by...

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order	sequence	progression	The order of the alphabet starts with A, B, C. Numbers have an order starting with...	The sequence of my morning is: get up, get dressed and brush my teeth. The sequence at bedtime is...	A butterfly grows in a progression starting with an egg. Plants grow in a progression starting with a...
cause	reason	rationale	The cause for our trip is to see family. Another cause for our trip is...	To visit with family was the reason for our vacation. Another reason for our vacation was...	The rationale for our vacation was having fun with family. Celebrating with family is the rationale for...
check	review	revise	I will check my work before I hand it in. I will check for...	Before I start my work, I will review the instruction. When I review the instructions, I will...	When I revise my work, I look for ways to make it better. I will revise...
alike	common	similar	The flowers are the same white color. _____ is also the same.	What do we have in common? We both have _____ in common.	The thin, long stems are similar on both flowers. The other flowers are similar because...
words	sentences	text	The words in this book tell about kittends. The words are...	The silly story about kittens has many funny sentences. I laugh at the sentences because...	The kitten book had funny text on each page. Each page of text was...
about	main idea	topic	The book is about turtles. One thing I know about turtles is...	The main idea is to catch the ball. The main idea of basketball is...	At the farm, baby animals were the topic. When we were at the lake, the topic was...