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POWERFUL

WORDS



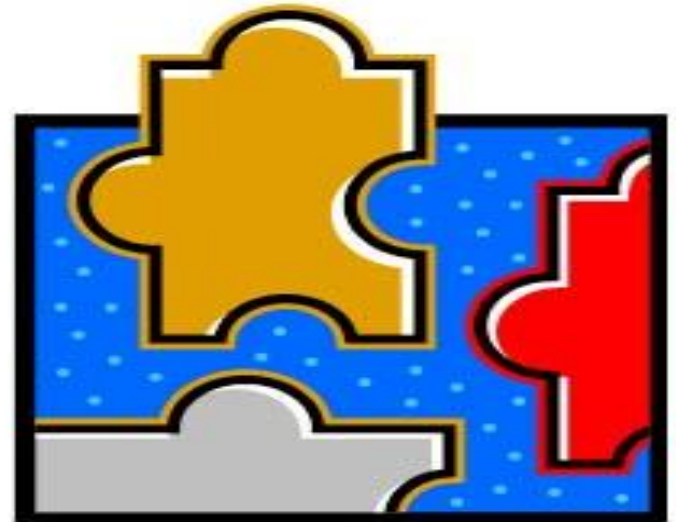
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Help all students:

- **To better understand what each question means**
- **To become familiar with words that require higher order thinking skills**
- **To relieve test anxiety**
- **To achieve better on tests**

ANALYZE

- Break apart
- Study pieces
- Think it through



COMPARE

- **Alike**
- **All of the ways they are alike**





CONTRAST

- **Different**
- **All the ways they are different**





DESCRIBE

- **Tell ALL about it**
- **Give the facts**
- **Who, What,
When, Where,
Why, How**



EVALUATE



- **Judge**
- **Tell the importance of what happened**
- **Use your own words**

EXPLAIN

- **Tell about what happened**
- **Tell it for someone who doesn't know the story**



FORMULATE

- **Make a plan**
- **Put together**
- **Create**
- **Build**





INFER

- **Read between the lines**
- **Make an educated guess using what you already know**
- **Cause and effect**





PREDICT

- **What will happen next?**
- **Tell what you think might happen**



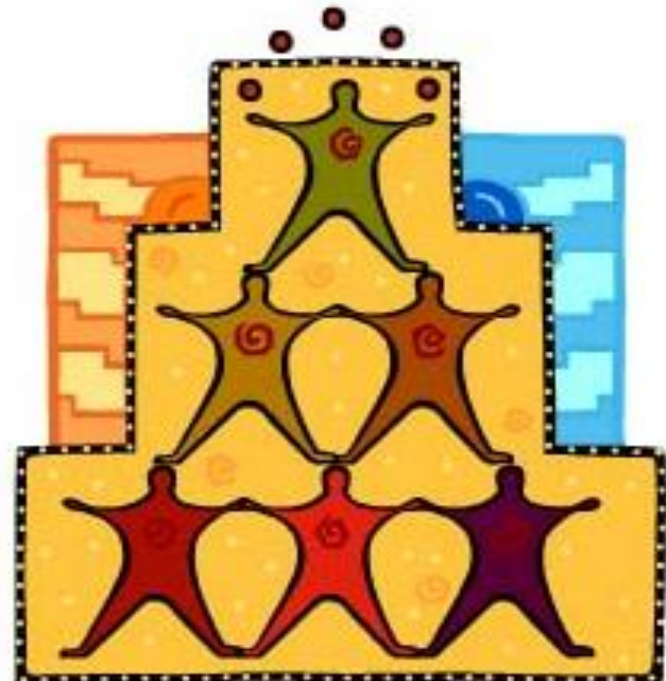
SUMMARIZE

- **Sum it up**
- **Give the short version**



SUPPORT

- **Give the facts**
- **Back it up with details**
- **Prove it**
- **How do you know?**



TRACE

- List the steps
- Outline
- What's the recipe
- How did you get there?
- Sequence



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