
Language Arts

Vocabulary Words Grades 9-10

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Because Language Arts is a spiraling curriculum, many of these vocabulary words will be the same across grade clusters. It is the difficulty level of the text, the complexity of the assignment, and the degree of scaffolding (student independence) which changes as a student moves from grade-level to grade level.

context clues

makes inferences

reference materials (maps, photos, graphics, schedules, illustrations)

author's purpose

main idea or essential message

organizational patterns

comparison

contrast

relevant supporting details

draws conclusions

persuasive devices/methods of appeal

analysis

primary source

synthesis

cause and effect relationship

plot development

conflict resolution

character development

setting

point of view

tone