* **Cause** – The reason something happened
* **Effect** - What happened as a result
* **Compare** – To find ways things are alike
* **Contrast** - To find ways things are different
* **Conclusion** – A decision made about information you are given
* **Content** – Information that makes up the passage
* **Describe** – To tell or write about
* **Evaluate** – To decide the value or amount of something, to judge
* **Explain** – To make clear or understandable
* **Fact** - A truth
* **Opinion** - A belief or idea that a person has
* **Illustrate** – To give examples, to make clear
* **Infer** – To draw a conclusion after reading all information given, to predict what will happen
* **Main Idea** – The most important thing the passage is about
* **Mood (or Tone)** – The feeling that the author expresses in the passage
* **Outline** – A list of the main points you plan to include in a written answer
* **Persuade** – To try to get another person to think or feel the same way you do
* **Predict** – Guess what will happen next based on what you read and your own experience
* **Problem** – A question that needs solving
* **Solution** – The answer to a problem
* **Purpose** – The reason something is done
* **Sequence** – The following of one thing after another
* **Summarize** – To give the main points of the passage
* **Support** – To give examples that help prove an answer
* **Structure** – The way that something is organized