



12 Powerful Words

These are the words that stump students when they take standardized tests. Students may feel intimidated or confused by these words causing them to answer a question incorrectly when they know the answer. Studying and using these words with your students can help them improve vocabulary and perform well on exams.

1. **Trace**: List in steps
2. **Analyze**: Break apart
3. **Infer**: Read between the lines
4. **Evaluate**: Judge
5. **Formulate**: Create
6. **Describe**: Tell all about
7. **Support**: Back up with details
8. **Explain**: Tell how
9. **Summarize**: Give me the short version
10. **Compare**: All the ways they are alike
11. **Contrast**: All the ways they are different
12. **Predict**: What will happen next