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Research has shown that the 12 words listed below can trip up students on standardized tests. **We've listed some student friendly phrases to help you understand what each word means when you see it.** A word listed on the left may not seem as difficult once you take a look at the right column and read what it really means.

<b>Word</b>	<b>What it Means</b>
Trace	Go over, follow from the beginning, map out
Analyze	Figure it out, look at closely, explore, take it apart
Infer	Decide the meaning of, read between the lines, make connections
Evaluate	Judge, break it down, review
Formulate	Make it, put it together, develop, create
Describe	Tell about, paint a picture with words, tell more, list attributes
Support	Prove it, explain why, back up, give reasons
Explain	Tell why, give details, show in writing, tell about
Summarize	Short version, important information, put it all together, put in your own words
Compare	How are they alike?, What do they have in common?
Contrast	How are they different?, check for differences, unlike
Predict	What will happen, make a guess