

7th Grade Academic Vocabulary Study Sheet

1. analyze To examine in detail for purposes of explanation and interpretation.
2. antagonist A character or force in conflict with the main character.
3. argument A set of reasons given to persuade others that an action or idea is right or wrong.
4. audience The intended readers or viewers of a text or presentation.
5. bias A tendency to favor one thing over another, often in an unfair way.
6. chapter A main division of a book, typically with a number or title.
7. citation A reference to a source of information.
8. claim To state something as a fact.
9. classify To arrange or organize by classes; categorize.
10. compare To note the similarities and differences of.
11. conclusion The end or finish of an event or process.
12. conflict A serious disagreement or argument.
13. context The circumstances or setting surrounding an event or idea.
14. contrast To show differences when compared.
15. credible Believable and trustworthy.
16. data Facts and statistics collected for reference or analysis.
17. describe To give a detailed account in words.
18. detail An individual feature, fact, or item.
19. dialogue Conversation between two or more people in a book, play, or movie.
20. draft A preliminary version of a written work.
21. edit To prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it.

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22. evaluate To judge the value or condition of something in a careful and thoughtful way.
23. evidence Information used to support a claim or argument.
24. experiment A scientific procedure to test a hypothesis.
25. figurative Using figures of speech; symbolic, not literal.
26. genre A category of artistic composition characterized by similarities in form, style, or subject matter.
27. hypothesis A proposed explanation for a phenomenon, to be tested through experimentation.
28. infer To draw a conclusion based on evidence and reasoning.
29. interpret To explain the meaning of information or actions.
30. investigate To carry out research or study into a subject to discover facts.
31. literal Taking words in their usual or most basic sense without metaphor or allegory.
32. main idea The central point or message of a text.
33. metaphor A figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true.
34. mood The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.
35. narrative A spoken or written account of connected events.
36. objective Not influenced by personal feelings or opinions.
37. paraphrase To restate a text or passage in your own words.
38. perspective A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something.
39. plot The sequence of events in a story.
40. predict To say what will happen in the future based on evidence.
41. protagonist The main character in a story.
42. publish To prepare and issue a book or other material for public distribution.
43. quote To repeat exactly what someone else has said or written.

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44. rebuttal A refutation or contradiction.
45. research The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources.
46. resolution The act of solving a problem or dispute.
47. revise To review, alter, and amend a piece of writing.
48. sequence The order in which events or steps occur.
49. setting The time and place in which the story takes place.
50. significance The importance of an event, action, or finding.
51. simile A figure of speech that compares two things using "like" or "as."
52. subjective Based on personal feelings, tastes, or opinions.
53. summarize To give a brief statement of the main points.
54. synthesize To combine different ideas or information to form a complete idea.
55. theme The underlying message or main idea of a text.
56. theory A system of ideas intended to explain something.
57. thesis A statement put forward as a premise to be maintained or proved
58. tone The general character or attitude of a piece of writing.
59. transition A change from one state or condition to another.
60. variable An element, feature, or factor that is liable to change.