

Writing Direction Words

1. **Describe** means to show the characteristics of the subject to the reader through visual details.
2. **Explain** means to make something clear or easy to understand.
3. **Discuss** means to talk about all sides of the subject.
4. **Compare** means to show how things are the same, and **contrast** means to show how things are different. If the writing prompt only mentions compare, you must still do both tasks.
5. **Analyze** means to break apart the subject and explain each part.
6. **Persuade** means to convince the reader of your argument or claim.
7. **Justify** means to give reasons, based upon established rules, to support your arguments.
8. **Evaluate** means to make a judgment about the good and bad points of the subject.