

Assessment Purpose	Academic Nouns for ELPA Grades 6–12 Tasks
Understand prompts and vocabulary	prompt, instruction, option, selection, phrase, term, definition, context, clue, reference
Analyze reading and literature	author, purpose, theme, conflict, narrator, perspective, tone, inference, interpretation, literature
Develop an argument	claim, argument, position, justification, support, counterargument, advantage, disadvantage, benefit, drawback
Explain connections and consequences	impact, relationship, comparison, contrast, consequence, influence, connection, transformation
Explain research and numerical displays	survey, research, finding, trend, proportion, percentage, rate, distribution, increase, decrease
Describe a procedure or investigation	method, procedure, stage, system, function, feature, condition, factor, variable, hypothesis
Discuss learning and decisions	experience, challenge, preference, opportunity, recommendation, requirement, responsibility, achievement, effort, skill

Assessment Purpose	Academic Verbs for ELPA Grades 6–12 Tasks
Attend to Information	read, listen, look
Choose and Respond	choose, answer
Describe Scenes and Events	describe, tell, retell
Compare Texts and Numerical Information	compare, contrast
Explain Processes and Reasons	explain
Predict Changes and Recommend Options	predict, recommend, think, change‡
Summarize Academic Information	summarize
Present and Discuss Information	present†, discuss†
Justify Opinions and Use Evidence	support, justify†, give, use, include
Write and Revise Responses	write, rewrite
Understand Investigation and Data Actions	observe‡, collect‡, conduct‡, record‡
Understand Academic Actions in Test Content	adapt‡, argue‡, create‡, observe‡, combine‡, organize‡

Key: † = verified in an official task heading. ‡ = verified in test content or question context, rather than as a command to the student.