

Assessment Purpose	Academic Nouns for ELPA Grades K–5 Tasks
Understand the Task	direction, question, answer, choice, response, example, sentence, word
Locate Information in Text	passage, paragraph, title, heading, detail, information, evidence
Interpret a Visual	picture, diagram, label, chart, graph, table, row, column, key, symbol
Understand a Story	character, setting, event, problem, solution, sequence, ending
Explain an Idea	topic, main idea, reason, example, explanation, summary, conclusion
Compare Information	similarity, difference, characteristic, group, category, pattern
Explain Relationships	cause, effect, change, result, process, step, cycle
Support an Opinion	opinion, reason, evidence, example, fact
Describe Academic Information	observation, data, amount, quantity, total, measurement, location
Discuss School Situations	student, teacher, class, partner, group, assignment, project, rule, schedule

Assessment Purpose	Academic Verbs for ELPA Grades K–5 Tasks
Attend to Information	read, listen, look
Choose and Respond	choose, answer, point, say
Describe Scenes and Events	describe, tell
Retell a Story	retell
Explain Steps and Reasons	explain
Summarize Academic Information	summarize
Give Reasons and Supporting Details	support, justify†, give, use, include
Consider Possible Situations	think, imagine
Plan and Develop Writing	write, plan, organize, add
Label Pictures and Check Writing	label†, check, rewrite
Understand Academic Actions in Test Content	adapt‡, argue‡, create‡, observe‡, combine‡

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