

WORD OF THE WEEK:

ex·plain

DEFINITION(S): "ik-'splān"



1. TO MAKE KNOWN-

//PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SECRET OF YOUR SUCCESS.

2. TO MAKE PLAIN OR UNDERSTANDABLE-

//THE GLOSSARY EXPLAINS THE VOCABULARY WORDS.

3. TO GIVE THE REASON FOR OR CAUSE OF-

//WE ARE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE BEHAVIOR.

Synonyms: words
that are similar to EXPLAIN

- clarify
- define
- give details of
- elaborate
- interpret
- describe
- give an explanation of
- justify
- demonstrate
- reveal
- resolve
- paraphrase
- disclose
- decipher

what are other
words for
explain?



explicate, interpret, expound,
elucidate, justify, account for,
spell out, clarify, excuse,
clear up



Antonyms: words that
mean the opposite of EXPLAIN

- conceal
- confuse
- hide
- distort
- misrepresent
- misinterpret
- misunderstand
- question
- mystify
- obscure
- withhold
- complicate
- perplex



ACADEMIC VOCABULARY NEWSLETTER

WHAT?

Academic Vocabulary Boards are a way of ensuring all students are exposed to the same critical vocabulary words necessary for better understanding and academic performance.

WHY?

Leveling up in *Academic Vocabulary* is crucial in developing the necessary skills students need to succeed academically.

Students perform better on tasks when they understand what it is they're being asked to do. In fact, 85% of test scores are based on how well students know the vocabulary of the standards.

HOW?

*Embed the Academic Language into your instruction across the curriculum. Students need to see that these words translate across all of the subjects.

*Provide multiple opportunities to correctly use the Academic Vocabulary words throughout the day including a variety of methods of instruction to meet the needs of all of your students.

Fun Fact: The average person takes 40 tries at a task before mastering a skill. More exposure and engagement with vocabulary will provide students the necessary practice required to master these skills. Practice makes Perfect!

THIS WEEK'S SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

CLASSROOM TEACHERS: Using anchor charts, an interactive word wall, student created dictionaries, and or graphic organizer have students breakdown the vocabulary word for complete understanding and then provide ways throughout the day to incorporate the word into your instruction, student discourse, and writing activities. Practice in complete sentences orally and written will greatly benefit students.

SPECIALISTS: Ask students to explain in complete sentences orally or in written form directions to your activities. Encourage students to explain why they are learning that particular activity.

ALL OTHER STAFF: Incorporate the word into conversations with students outside the classroom. Example: talk about the word in the lunchroom while students are eating or on duty. Ask students to provide examples in complete sentences.