

Academic Language Purposes

Class/Content Area	
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Academic Language Purpose	Talk Discussions, Whole Class	Texts Writing or Reading
Seek Information - use who, what, when, where, how		
Inform - recount information or retell		
Compare - explain how alike		
Contrast -explain how different		
Order - describe timeline, continuum or cycle		
Classify - describe organizing principles		
Analyze - describe features or main idea		
Infer - generate hypotheses to suggest cause/outcomes		
Justify & Persuade - give evidence why “A” is important		
Solve Problems - describe problem-solving procedures		
Synthesize - summarize information cohesively		
Evaluate - identify criteria, explain priorities, etc.		

