



### Academic Language Skills

1. **Language function** means the verb used in the learning target, such as *identify, analyze, summarize, define, explain, conclude, justify, compare, sort*, and so on.
2. **Language demand** means the assignment or product the student makes, such as *essay, paragraph, sentence, speech, lab report, reflection, play, poem, comic strip, magazine article, poster*, and the like.
3. **Vocabulary**, which includes any words the student should be able to define in order to comprehend the content of the lesson. These words may be specific to the discipline (*artifact* in social studies) or just general words used in school (*list, characteristics, infer, analyze*).

Function	Demand
Define	Write definitions to vocabulary words
Assess	Write a 1 paragraph self-reflection
Compare	Draw a Venn diagram and fill sections with terms
Debate	Participate in a class debate
Construct	Draw a comic strip with characters explaining the concept
Apply	Solve word problems involving one variable
Describe	Speak aloud for 30 seconds describing the characteristics of a sculpture

#### Examples of Language Functions

- List
- Label
- Analyze
- Restate
- Form a question
- State
- Retell
- Define
- Describe
- Give an example
- Hypothesize
- Paraphrase
- Explain
- Make a connection
- Compare/contrast
- Narrate
- Compose
- Summarize
- Defend
- Justify

Activity: Work with a partner to find examples of language functions in the given materials