POWER WORDS TO REMEMBER

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Compare*
Point out similarities, to examine 2 or more objects and consider the likenesses.

* If used without CONTRAST, it can mean both similarities AND differences.
Contrast
Point out differences; to examine 2 or more objects and consider the differences
Identify Name, list, and give an example
Explain
Tell how to do, give the meaning of, or why,
give reasons for
Describe
To give a picture or characteristics of something in words
Discuss
To give information about something in writing from various points of view
Define

Give a meaning for a word or phrase
Effect*

A result or a consequence that can be positive or negative

*EFFECT IS COMMONLY USED AS A NOUN; AFFECT IS COMMONLY USED AS A VERB.*
Analyze
To study something closely and carefully, especially information; to learn the relationship of the parts

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Summarize
Tell the main idea; tell the beginning, middle, and end
Support
Back it up or prove your answer with details
Provide
To make available for use or consideration; to supply something that is useful or necessary

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Evaluate
To judge the condition of something in a careful & thoughtful way
(Tell the good and the bad.)
Differentiate*
To see or state the differences between two or more things

• **DISTINGUISH** means the same thing.

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Predict
To say that something will or might happen in the future
Perform
To carry out, accomplish, or complete a task or action
Justify
To give good reasons for; defend; prove or show something to be right or reasonable
Claim
A statement that is open to challenge; an answer to a question
Evidence
Available body of facts or information that indicates whether a statement is true or valid.
Pose

To present a problem; ask or suggest a question for
Interpret
To explain or provide the meaning of something; understand something in a clear or precise way
Propose

To suggest an idea or plan for consideration or discussion by others
Indicate

To point out or show; to state briefly; to direct attention to
Apply

To put something to use, especially for a specific purpose or task