

ISAT Reading Question Vocabulary

Words listed on these charts are related to questions on the ISAT reading sample tests. Some terms may appear in the questions on the test. The lists include terms from prior grades since students should be fluent with all these terms.

Students should use these terms to discuss the passages they read and write. Students can classify the words to learn more:

- Kinds of passages
- Ways of writing/Writer's Techniques
- Ways of thinking about what you read

Third Grade

alike	article	author	author's purpose
base word	belongs	compare	complain
describe	description	different from	entertain
event	example	explain	extended-response
fable	fairy tale	genre	illustration
inform	information	main idea	mainly
mean	most like	most likely	nonfiction
opinion	opposite of	organized	paragraph
passage	persuade	problem	purpose
reader	resolution	rewrite	setting
short story	solve, solution	summarize	support your answer
synonym	tall tale	title	understand

Fourth Grade

according to	alike	antonym	argument	article
as used in	author	author's purpose	base word	because
before	belongs	best describes	biography	bold print
cause	character	closest in meaning	compare	complain
conclusions	describe	description	detail	dialogue
different from	direct	emotion	entertain	event
example	expect	explain	expository	extended-response
extraordinary	fable	fairy tale	fictional	flashback
genre	happened	humor	idiom	illustration
inform	information	legend	literary device	main idea
mainly	mainly about	mean	meaning of	minor detail
most like	most likely	most likely reason	narrative	nonfiction
occurred	onomatopoeia	opinion	opposite of	order
organized	paragraph	passage	personification	persuade
persuasive	problem	purpose	reader	reason
refer to	resolution	rewrite	rhyme	selection
senses	sentence	setting	short story	simile
solve, solution	statement	structure	summarize	summary
support your answer	synonym	tall tale	title	type of writing
understand				

Fifth Grade

according to	alike	antonym	argument	article
as used in	author	author's purpose	base word	because
before	belongs	best describes	biography	bold print
cause	character	closest in meaning	compare	complain
conclusions	describe	description	detail	dialogue
different from	direct	emotion	entertain	event
example	expect	explain	expository	extended-response
extraordinary	fable	fairy tale	fictional	flashback
genre	happened	humor	idiom	illustration
inform	information	legend	literary device	main idea
mainly	mainly about	mean	meaning of	minor detail
most like	most likely	most likely reason	narrative	nonfiction
occurred	onomatopoeia	opinion	opposite of	order
organized	paragraph	passage	personification	persuade
persuasive	problem	purpose	reader	reason
refer to	resolution	rewrite	rhyme	selection
senses	sentence	setting	short story	simile
solve, solution	statement	structure	summarize	summary
support your answer	synonym	tall tale	title	type of writing
understand				

Sixth Grade

according to	alliteration	antonym	argument	article
as used in	author	author's purpose	base word	behavior
best describes	biography	character	closest in meaning	comparison
conclusions	descriptive	detail	dialogue	direct
emotion	entertain	event	expository	extended-response
extraordinary	fable	fairy tale	fictional	first person
flashback	genre	humor	idiom	illustration
inform	information	legend	literary device	main idea
metaphor	minor detail	most likely	narrative	narrator
nonfiction	objective	occurred	omniscient	onomatopoeia
opinion	opposite	order	organized	paragraph
passage	personification	persuasive	plot	point of view
problem	purpose	reason	refer to	repetition
resolution	rewrite	rhyme	selection	senses
setting	short story	simile	solve, solution	statement
structure	summarize	summary	support your answer	synonym
text	theme	third person	tone	type of literature

Seventh Grade

alliteration	antonym	argument	article	author's purpose
autobiography	behavior	best describes	biography	character
closest in meaning	comparison	conclusions	descriptive	detail
dialogue	direct	drama	emotion	entertain
etymology	event	expository	extended-response	extraordinary
fable	fairy tale	fictional	first person	flashback
genre	historical fiction	humor	idiom	illustration
inform	information	legend	literary device	main idea
metaphor	minor detail	most likely	narrative	narrator
nonfiction	objective	occurred	omniscient	onomatopoeia
opinion	opposite	order	organized	paragraph
passage	personification	persuasive	plot	point of view
problem	purpose	reason	refer to	repetition
resolution	rewrite	rhyme	selection	senses
setting	short story	simile	solve, solution	statement
structure	summarize	summary	support your answer	synonym
text	theme	third person	tone	type of literature

Eighth Grade

alliteration	antonym	argument	article	author's purpose
autobiography	behavior	best describes	biography	character
closest in meaning	comparison	conclusions	descriptive	detail
dialogue	direct	drama	emotion	entertain
etymology	event	expository	extended-response	extraordinary
fable	fairy tale	fictional	first person	flashback
genre	historical fiction	humor	idiom	illustration
inform	information	legend	literary device	main idea
metaphor	minor detail	most likely	narrative	narrator
nonfiction	objective	occurred	omniscient	onomatopoeia
opinion	opposite	order	organized	paragraph
passage	personification	persuasive	plot	point of view
problem	purpose	reason	refer to	repetition
resolution	rewrite	rhyme	selection	senses
setting	short story	simile	solve, solution	statement
structure	summarize	summary	support your answer	synonym
text	theme	third person	tone	type of literature