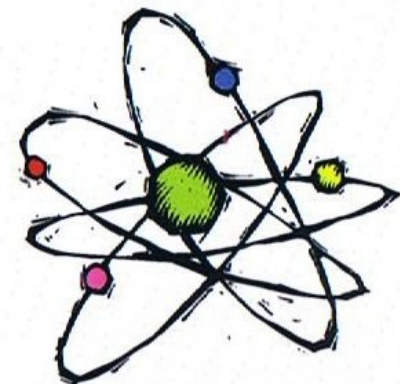# 12 Powerful Words
for Standardized Testing
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Trace: Follow, track outline, list in steps

Analyze: Think through, break apart, break into pieces

Infer: Figure out, read between the lines, predict, what are they trying to say

Evaluate: Judge, value of, meaning, examine, solve, test for the truth of, tell one good and one bad

Formulate: Come up with, make a plan, develop, make, create

Describe: Tell about, show me, list details

Support: Provide reasons, tell reasons, give examples, back it up

Explain: Tell all about, tell what and why, tell how, teach to someone else

Summarize: Tell main parts, bottom line, main ideas

Compare: List sames, all the ways they are alike

Contrast: List differences, all the ways they are different

Predict: Educated guess, tell what could or may happen, look into the future