

## Key Terms

1. Analyze: to break into parts and explain the parts
2. Cause/Effect: the beginning/the result
3. Chronological: events put in the order they happened
4. Clarify: to make clear
5. Compare: show how two things are alike
6. Contrast: show how two things are different
7. Describe: to tell how something looks or how it happened
8. Discuss: to tell about the main points and important details
9. Define: to give the meaning
10. Diagram: to make a drawing of something and label its parts
11. Enumerate: to make a list
12. Evaluate: to give your opinion of what is important; discuss its good and bad points; discuss its strengths and weaknesses
13. Explain: to give facts that make clear
14. Fact: something that can be proven to be true
15. Illustrate: to give examples
16. Infer: to make a conclusion based on fact
17. Interpret: to offer an explanation
18. Justify: to give good reasons
19. Opinion: belief based on what a person thinks or feels
20. Predict: to make a guess about the future
21. Prove: to show something is true by giving facts
22. Question: to ask
23. Reflect: to think about
24. Relate: to show how things are alike or connected
25. Sequence: to put in correct order
26. State: to give the main points or reasons
27. Summarize: to briefly cover the main points
28. Trace: to tell about the progress or growth

## Transition and Signal Words for Essays

### Sequence and

#### Chronological Order

##### Stems

After  
Afterwards  
Ago  
Already  
At last  
At the same time  
As  
Before  
During  
Eventually  
Even now  
Finally  
(the) final  
First, first of all  
Following  
For a time  
Further, furthermore  
Immediately  
Initially  
In the first place  
In the meantime  
Last, lastly  
Later  
Long after  
Meanwhile  
Next  
Now  
Not long after  
Once  
On (date)  
Preceding  
Presently  
Second, secondly  
Several  
Sometimes  
Soon, soon after  
Sometimes  
Subsequently  
Suddenly  
Then  
Thereafter  
Third  
To begin with  
Today  
Until  
While

### Compare and

#### Contrast Stems

Although  
Also  
As opposed to  
As well as  
But  
By comparison  
Compared with  
Conversely  
Despite  
Different from  
Either...or  
Even though  
Equally important  
However  
In comparison  
In contrast  
In like manner  
In the same way  
In spite of  
Instead of  
Just as  
Like  
Likewise  
Neither...nor  
Nevertheless  
Nonetheless  
Notwithstanding  
On the contrary  
No only...but also  
On the other hand  
Rather than  
Regardless  
Same as  
Similarly  
Still  
Unlike  
Unless  
Whereas  
While  
Yet

### Cause and Effect

#### Stems

Accordingly  
As a result  
As if  
As though  
Because  
Consequently  
Hence  
In order to  
If...then  
It follows that  
May be due to  
Nevertheless  
Provided that  
Since  
So  
So that  
Then  
Therefore  
Thus

#### Emphasis Words

Besides  
Certainly  
Furthermore  
Indeed  
Moreover  
Obviously  
Of course

### Stems for Examples

Another  
For example  
For instances  
Furthermore  
First, second, etc.  
In addition  
Most important  
Namely  
Specifically  
Such as  
To begin with  
That is  
To illustrate

#### Conclusion Words

As a result  
Consequently  
For this reason  
In brief  
In other words  
In short  
It follows that  
In fact  
On the whole  
Therefore  
Thus  
To summarize  
To sum up