

Academic Vocabulary

A. Academic Vocabulary is the language you use to talk about literature. Listen as your teacher reads each word and discusses its meaning and the example sentence.

Academic Vocabulary	Definition	Example Sentence
1. attitude	a state of mind or feeling	My attitude toward math has improved since Mr. Peterson started teaching.
2. create	to cause to exist; to make, form, or bring into being	Help me create a new song for the school musical.
3. emphasis	special attention or effort directed toward something to make it stand out	Place the emphasis on the most important word in the sentence.
4. mental	of or related to the mind	I made a mental note to send her a birthday card.
5. style	the unique way in which something is said, done, expressed, or performed	Her style of poetry includes images of nature.

B. Use an Academic Vocabulary word to complete each sentence.

- Our plan is to _____ a new complex with a skate park and soccer fields.
- Our _____ of working will be to collaborate with other youth groups.
- The _____ for the project is on fun physical activity.
- Experts say that exercise is good for both physical and _____ health.
- Physical activity improves a child's _____ toward school and family.

C. Write the Academic Vocabulary words in your Reader/Writer Notebook. Practice using these words as you talk and write about the selections in this unit.