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# Keywords in Writing Study Sheet

*How well do you know keywords for writing? Here is a list of some of the common keywords for writing with a brief definition.*

1. Classify Identify features in order to put things or ideas into groups.
2. Identify Name, list or indicate who or what.
3. Outline Provide an overview of the main ideas or a plan of the subject or topic.
4. Describe Provide details about the subject or topic.
5. Review Provide an overview of main points of the topic.
6. Summarize Provide a concise overview of the main points.
7. Assess Make your own judgements about the topic with careful consideration and discuss how you arrive at your conclusion.
8. Define Describe what something is. Provide a definition.
9. Explain Provide clarification by describing specific details, facts or ideas that will enhance understanding.
10. Analyze Write about each part of the subject by separating it into parts.
11. List A set of items or names.
12. Illustrate Use examples, pictures or diagrams.
13. Argue Provide your opinion either for or against using examples, proof, evidence, facts or details.
14. Sequence Provide an order of the events as they happen.
15. Evaluate Carefully consider all aspects to formulate your ideas to make careful judgements about the topic.
16. Debate Write about the different opinions about a topic or a subject.
17. Compare Consider how things are similar and different.
18. Discuss Provide details about a subject and consider different ideas and opinions.
19. Provide Evidence Use proof to back up your writing with facts or supporting details.
20. Contrast Consider how things are different.