

6th Grade Academic Vocabulary Word Definitions

SET ONE:

claim- a statement (or assertion) that is open to challenge and usually requires support/evidence.

converse- chat; talk informally

engage- to hold the attention of; engross.

justify- give valid reasons or evidence to support an answer or conclusion.

relevant- connected with or related to the matter at hand

SET TWO:

maintain- to continue; carry on; keep in existence

prompt - A statement or question that gets someone to think of a topic with more depth to write a story or essay about.

valid/validity- (of an argument or point) having a sound basis in logic or fact

alter- change or cause to change

compile- To gather together in an organized form, such as a list

SET THREE:

achieve- Accomplishing something rewarding.

categorize- To arrange in classes; put with things with same or similar qualities; to classify

demonstrate- To show or prove something clearly and convincingly.

credible- believable

irrelevant- Having nothing to do with the subject

utilize- to make use of

SET FOUR:

accomplish- to do something by making an effort; to complete successfully; achieve

contend- to fight or struggle against; to debate

emphasize- to give special attention to; to show that something is important

genuine- real; actually being what something appears to be; true reliable; sincere or honest

hypothesize- make a prediction about what will happen based on observations

SET FIVE:

reveal- to make known

status- the position of something at a particular time

vital-essential and necessary

due to- caused by; because of

comparable- having like traits; similar; equivalent

SET SIX:

characteristic- a feature, quality, property, or trait of an object or organism.

appeal- to be attractive or interesting

equip- supply with necessary items for a particular purpose

likelihood- the state or fact of something being likely; probability

modify- to change or alter

SET SEVEN:

accurate- correct, exact or precise

clarify- to make clear or easier to understand

collaborate- to work with; work together

essential- necessary; crucial

extensive- covering or effecting a large area; large in amount or scale

SET EIGHT:

approximately- near or approaching a certain state, condition, goal, or standard; nearly exact; not perfectly accurate or correct.

concur- to express agreement, approve

context- conditions, including facts, social/historical background, time and place, etc., surrounding a given situation

elaborate- to add details or explain further

exhibit- to show or display

SET NINE:

contribute- to give along with others who are giving.

despite- without being affected by; in spite of

eligible- qualified for or allowed or worthy of being chosen

excerpt- a passage taken from a book, article, etc.

obvious(ly)- easily understood or noticed