

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. attribute	regard as being caused by something; a characteristic	Her best attribute is her quick wit.
2. feature	a prominent or distinctive characteristic; give special attention to	Craters are a feature of the moon's surface.
3. monitor	to keep close watch over; supervise	The doctor will monitor the patient's heartbeat.
4. phase	a stage of development	Will the government support the next phase of the space program?
5. primary	first (in sequence, rank, or importance); essential; immediate	The primary function of a window is to let in light.

B. Complete the sentences about a selection you have read.

- The genre of the selection is _____
- The characteristics of the genre are _____

_____.
- A primary character in the selection is _____.
- The primary character's attributes are _____
_____.

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.