

Additional Academic Vocabulary

A. Listen as your teacher reads each word and discusses its meaning and the example sentence. Then complete each sentence on the back of this sheet.

Academic Vocabulary	Definition	Complete the Sentence
1. attitude	a state of mind with regard to someone or something; a writer's viewpoint toward his or her subject, expressed through word choice and details	The use of the phrase <i>her gentle, care-worn face</i> to describe the main character suggests that the writer's attitude toward the character is _____.
2. component	one of the parts that make up a whole	Evidence is an important component of an _____.
3. convince	cause someone to believe or feel certain; persuade	To convince a reader to agree with his or her argument, a writer may use _____ devices.
4. issue	a subject being discussed or disputed; a question under debate	The issue of building a new park came up at the council meeting. Someone might oppose a new park because _____.
5. theory	a statement or set of statements designed to explain an event or group of events; a belief that guides actions; an assumption or guess	When a scientist presents a new theory he or she must have adequate _____ to support it.

B Think about a persuasive essay, an editorial, or an ad that you agreed with or one that persuaded you to take action. What was the subject of the persuasive piece? What convinced you to agree with it? Write a paragraph describing it. Use at least three vocabulary words from the chart.
