

Power Words

The use of the Harry Bell's twelve "power words" are words which frequently appear in assessments, reading, and assignments. The 12 words are:

- Trace - Follow or track
- Support - Prove or back up
- Analyze - Break into smaller parts
- Explain - Tell about
- Infer - Read between the lines; use schema and clue
- Summarize - Tell the short version
- Evaluate - Judge
- Compare - Tell how things are alike
- Formulate - Develop
- Contrast - Tell how things are different
- Describe - Give details
- Predict - Tell what will happen next

At Hyde, teachers work to make sure every student is familiar with these words. Our goal is to have students apply them at different levels.

