

Definitions of Verbs in the Tested Student Expectations 2009 Reading TEKS/SEs – Grades 3-11-STAAR and EOC

Verb	Dictionary Definition(s) of Verb in Student Expectation
alphabetize	to put or arrange in alphabetical order.
analyze	to examine methodically by separating into parts and studying their interrelations make a grammatical analysis of; break down into components or essential features to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results
apply	to make use of as relevant, suitable, or pertinent
ask	to put a question to; to make inquiry
assess	to estimate or judge the value, character, etc., of; evaluate
clarify	to make (an idea, statement, etc.) clear or intelligible; to free from ambiguity. to free (the mind, intelligence, etc.) from confusion; revive:
compare	to examine (two or more objects, ideas, etc.) in order to note similarities and differences to consider or describe as similar, equal, or analogous; liken
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complete	to make whole or entire; to bring to an end; finish
conclude	to determine by reasoning; deduce;
confirm	to support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify
connect	to associate or consider as related
consider	to think carefully about, esp. in order to make a decision; to bear in mind;
contrast	to compare in order to show unlikeness or differences; note the opposite natures, purposes, etc., of
create	to evolve from one's own thought or imagination
critique	to review or analyze critically
defend	to support or maintain, as by argument, evidence or action; justify; uphold
demonstrate	prove, establish the validity of something to describe, explain, or illustrate by examples, experiments, or the like
describe	to give an account of in words; to tell in words what something or someone is like
determine	to conclude or ascertain, as after reasoning, observation, etc.
differentiate	to perceive the difference in or between.
discuss	to consider or examine by argument, comment, etc.; talk over or write about, esp. to explore solutions; debate
distinguish	to divide into classes; classify; to recognize as distinct or different; recognize salient or individual features or characteristics of
draw	to frame or formulate: <i>to draw a distinction</i> to derive or use, as from a source: <i>to draw inspiration from Shakespeare</i> to extract or take for one's own use
establish	to show to be valid or true; prove; to cause to be accepted or recognized
evaluate	form a critical opinion of ; to judge or determine the significance, worth, or quality of; assess
explain	to make plain or clear; render understandable or intelligible to make known in detail
follow	to conform to, comply with, or act in accordance with; obey
form	to frame (ideas, opinions, etc.) in the mind.
gain	to get (something desired), especially as a result of one's efforts
identify	to recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of
infer	to derive by reasoning; conclude or judge from premises or evidence
interpret	to give or provide the meaning of; explain; explicate; elucidate to conceive the significance of; construe
know	to perceive or understand as fact or truth; to apprehend clearly and with certainty
locate	to identify or discover the place or location of to find by searching, examining, or experimenting

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maintain	to keep in existence or continuance; preserve; retain to keep in an appropriate condition, operation, or force; keep unimpaired
make	to produce; cause to exist or happen; bring about to draw a conclusion as to the significance or nature of to judge or interpret, as to the truth, nature, meaning, etc.
paraphrase	to restate a text or passage in another form or other words, often to clarify meaning.
perform	to execute or do something
predict	to declare or tell in advance
produce	to create by physical or mental effort
provide	to make available; furnish:
read	interpret something that is written or printed to look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.)
recognize	to identify as something previously seen, known, etc. to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics
relate	to bring into or establish association, connection, or relation to have reference or some relation (often fol. by <i>to</i>).
respond	to reply or answer in words; to say in answer; reply
restate	to state again or in a new way.
retell	to relate or tell again or in a different form.
seek	to try to find or discover by searching or questioning
sequence	to place in a sequence
show	to indicate; point out
solve	to work out the answer to (a problem)
sort	to arrange according to sort, kind, or class; separate into sorts; classify
summarize	to make a summary of; state or express in a concise form.
support	to maintain or advocate (a theory, principle, etc.); to furnish corroborating evidence for
synthesize	to form (a material or abstract entity) by combining parts or elements
translate	(graphic to text; text to graphic) to change the form, condition, nature, etc., of; transform; to convert from one form to another
understand	to perceive the meaning of; grasp the idea of; comprehend to have understanding, knowledge, or comprehension.
use	to employ for some purpose; put into service; make use of
verify	to ascertain the truth or correctness of, as by examination, research, or comparison

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