

Academic Language Demands

WIDA's Features of Academic Language	Examples
<p>Discourse Level</p> <p>Linguistic Complexity</p> <p><i>(quantity and variety of oral and written text)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Microfunction (purpose/genre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cause/effect <input type="checkbox"/> Classify <input type="checkbox"/> Compare/contrast <input type="checkbox"/> Contradict/disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Elaborate <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate <input type="checkbox"/> Identify/name/label <input type="checkbox"/> Inquire <input type="checkbox"/> Justify <input type="checkbox"/> Predict <input type="checkbox"/> Sequence <input type="checkbox"/> State opinion/claim <input type="checkbox"/> Summarize <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Point of View <input type="checkbox"/> Text Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<p>Sentence Level</p> <p>Language Forms and Conventions</p> <p><i>(types, arrays, and use of language structures)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure (simple, compound, complex, compound complex) <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence type (declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory) <input type="checkbox"/> Passive/Active voice <input type="checkbox"/> Verb Tense: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contractions: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Grammar phrases: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Clauses: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parts of speech: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<p>Word/Phrase Level</p> <p>Vocabulary Usage</p> <p><i>(specificity of word or phrase choice)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Technical vocabulary from content areas: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> General academic vocabulary & phrases: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1, 2, and 3 words: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Transition words: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Words with multiple meanings: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Idioms & expressions: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____