

12 Powerful Words

- **Trace**-list in steps
- **Analyze**-break apart
- **Infer**-read between the lines
- **Evaluate**-judge
- **Formulate**-create
- **Describe**-tell all about
- **Support**-back up with details
- **Explain**-tell how
- **Summarize**-give me the short version
- **Compare**-alike
- **Contrast**-different
- **Predict**-what happens next

1. **Each word encourages higher-order thinking**
2. **Regular exposure creates comfort—less test anxiety.**
3. **Regular exposure also compensates for what students may not hear at home.**

Implementation

- **Use the 12 Powerful Words daily.**
- **Speak it!**
- **Spell it!**
- **Don't just define it...Describe it!**
- **Display a poster of the 12 Powerful Words.**
- **Include the 12 Powerful Words on assessments and activities.**
- **Have students create their own questions using the 12 Powerful Words.**
- **Have students create a song, rap, poem, or PowerPoint using the 12 Powerful Words.**
- **Collaborate with your colleagues for ideas.**
- **The list is endless...**