



PSSA Reading Vocabulary

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Affix



**Prefixes
and
Suffixes**



Alliteration



**Repetition
of initial
consonant
sounds in
neighboring
words**



Antonym



**A word
that is the
opposite
of another
word**




Autobiography



**The story
of a
person's
life
written by
himself**



Effect



**What
happens
as a
result of
an action
or event**




Cause



**Actions
or
Events**



Biography



The story of
a person's
life written
by someone
other than
that person



**Compound
Word**



**A word
made up
of 2
smaller
words**




Conclusion



**The
ending of
a story or
the
summary
of ideas**



Conflict



**A struggle
or clash
between
characters,
forces or
emotions**



Dialogue



**Conversation
between two
people in a
story**



Evaluate



**To examine
and to
judge
carefully**



Exaggeration



**To make an
overstatement
or to stretch
the truth**



Fable



**Story
intended
to teach
a moral**




**Fairy
Tales**



**Short
stories
featuring
mythical
beings**



Fiction



**Any story
that is the
product of
imagination
rather than
fact**




Figurative Language



**Language that
cannot be
taken literally
since it was
written to
create a
special
feeling**



**First
Person**



**When the
main
character
tells the
story**



Folktales



A story
passed down;
legends,
ghost stories,
fairy tales,
fables




Graphic Organizer



A diagram or picture that shows relationships



Headings



**Words in
bold that
offer
additional
information**




Graphics



**Photographs,
drawings,
maps, or
other pictures**



Charts



Information
condensed
into a
series of
rows, lines,
or lists




Homophone



**Words that are
pronounced
alike, but are
different in
spelling**




Inference



A judgment based on reasoning rather than something stated directly in the passage



Limerick



A poem
that has 5
lines. Lines
1,2, and 5
rhyme.
Lines 3 and
4 rhyme



Metaphor



A figure of speech that expresses an idea through the image of another object




Onomatopoeia



**The use of
words whose
sounds
express or
suggest their
meaning**




Paraphrase



**Restate
text or
passage in
your own
words to
clarify
meaning**




Plot



**The
sequence in
which the
author
arranges
the events
in a story**




Prefix



**Groups of
letters that
are placed
before a
base word**




Problem



**A conflict
that affects
the
characters
or causes a
disaster**




Solution



**How the
problem
of the
story is
solved.**



Rhyme




Identical or
very similar
final sounds
in words
usually at
the end of
lines of a
poem



Root Words



Prefixes
and
suffixes
can be
added to
them




Setting



The time
and place in
which a
story takes
place




Simile




A comparison of two unlike things in which a word of comparison (like or as) is used




Story Maps



**Visual
representation of
a story that
provides an
overview
including
characters,
setting, the
problem,
solution, and
ending**




Suffix



Groups of
letters
placed after
a word to
change its
meaning



Synonym



**Two or more
words in a
language
that have
similar
meanings**



Theme



**A topic of
discussion
or writing;
a major
idea**