

Test-Taking Vocabulary

- * **tone** (noun) - general feeling or attitude
- * **metaphor** (noun) - describing something by calling it something else (My heart's a stereo; I am titanium, etc.)
- * **figurative** (adjective) - not literal, different from a word's usual meaning
- * **idiom** (noun) - a group of words that has a special meaning (under the weather = sick)
- * **symbol** (noun) - something that represents another thing
- * **simile** (noun) - a comparison that uses the word **like** or **as** (We're beautiful **like** diamonds in the sky.)
- * **theme** (noun) - main idea or subject
- * **dialogue** (noun) - words spoken by a character (surrounded by "quotation marks")
- * **synonym** (noun) - a word that means the **same** thing as another word (example: big and large)
- * **antonym** (noun) - a word that means the **opposite** of another word (example: big and small)
- * **opinion** (noun) - something that a person **believes** but cannot prove (Takis are the best!)
- * **fact** (noun) - a piece of information that can be **proven** to be **true** (72% of 7th graders prefer Takis over Flaming Hot Cheetos.)
- * **evidence** (noun) - facts that show that something is true
- * **conclusion** (noun) - something you decide after considering all of the information
- * **similar** (adjective) - almost the same
- * **identify** (verb) - to recognize (and describe or explain)
- * **compare** (verb) - to show how two things are **alike** or **similar**
- * **contrast** (verb) - to show how two things are **different**
- * **predict** (verb) - to make a logical guess about what will happen in the future
- * **context** (noun) - words that come before or after a word (or sentence) and help you understand its meaning
- * **organization** (noun) - the way the different parts of a text are arranged or put together
- * **structure** (noun) - the way the parts of a text connect to each other
- * **highlight** (verb) - what you should do when you see a piece of information in a text that you think looks **important** or when you see **evidence** that will help you answer a question
- * **strikethrough** (verb/noun) - what you should do when you see an answer choice that you know is wrong (also known as the process of **elimination**)