5th Grade Reading OAA Vocabulary Words

This is a list of commonly used terms from the Ohio Achievement Assessment. Some students confuse these words and do not know how to actually answer the question being asked.

Abbreviation: commonly known, shortened words

Analyze: to separate into parts, to identify it or study its structure

Antonym: Opposite meaning

Author's purpose: the reason the author wrote a selection (to explain, to

inform, to entertain)

Autobiography: genre of nonfiction that tells about a person's life, the

book was written by the actual person

Beginning, middle, end: a sequence of how a story happened

Benefit: an advantage or good thing

Cause: Is something that makes something else happens

Central Idea: same as the main idea; it is sometimes stated this way

Climax: the most exciting part of a story or novel

Compare: to find the similarities of two or more things

Complete: finish

Conflict: problem in a story the characters need to solve
Context Clues: clues surrounding an unknown word
Contrast: to find the differences of two or more things

Data: information; usually in number form

Define: explain what a word means