Understanding the Terms on a Test

Analyze -show how each part, as well as the whole, works

Compare -point out similarities between two or more

subjects or events

Contrast -point out differences

Criticize -give the positive and negative points

Define -give the meaning of the term

Discuss -examine a subject in detail-analyze and criticize

Explain -give reasons

Identify -list, define, and describe

Interpret -give the meaning or significance

Prove -argue a point by presenting facts

State -give main facts

Support -give evidence to prove a point

Trace -present in sequential order the development or

history of a subject