

Term: “Above-Grade Level Vocabulary”

Definition:

These are words that are atypical for scholars at that age to use correctly and independently. For seventh and eighth graders, these should be SAT style words, but for 5th and 6th graders, these words could be more typical of an eighth graders' vocabulary. To score a 7 or 8 on this criterion, scholars must include some above grade level words; scholars only using grade level words cannot score higher than a 6, even if they are all spelled correctly.