

## A THUMBNAIL LOOK AT COMMON FUNCTIONS

Content Function	Sample Tasks	Sample Ways to Show Relationships		
		Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Elaboration/Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe attributes, qualities, characteristics and properties</li> <li>Explain relationship of objects in space</li> </ul>	<i>Has/have, is/are</i> <i>Next to, close to, above, under, behind</i>	<i>Usually, often</i> <i>Contain, consist, demonstrate</i> <i>Near, between, among, beside</i>	<i>Tend to</i> <i>Exhibit, associated with, defined by, consists of</i> <i>Adjacent, alongside, parallel to, in relation to</i>
Compare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand and express how two or more things are similar and how they are different</li> </ul>	<i>Like</i> <i>Are the same because...</i> <i>Both</i> <i>___er, ___est</i>	<i>Just like</i> <i>Are similar because...</i> <i>Have in common</i> <i>Compared to</i>	<i>Just as</i> <i>Shared/common attributes</i> <i>By comparison</i>
Contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand and express how two or more things are different</li> </ul>	<i>But, however</i> <i>Unlike</i> <i>___er than</i>	<i>In contrast</i> <i>On the other hand</i> <i>Differences between</i>	<i>Whereas</i> <i>As opposed to</i> <i>A distinction between...</i>
Identify Cause and Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the cause of an outcome</li> <li>Express why something occurred</li> </ul>	<i>Because</i> <i>Because of</i> <i>So</i>	<i>As a result of</i> <i>Therefore</i> <i>If...then</i> <i>The cause was</i>	<i>Consequently, thus</i> <i>Due to</i> <i>This led to (caused)</i>
Proposition & Support  Problem/Solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defend an opinion</li> <li>Explain reasoning</li> <li>Justify a position</li> </ul>	<i>I think/believe</i> <i>One reason that</i> <i>My (his, her) opinion</i> <i>My (his, her, our) idea</i>	<i>In my opinion</i> <i>Point of view</i> <i>Believes that</i> <i>In support of, against</i> <i>Provides evidence, make an argument</i>	<i>From the perspective of</i> <i>Take a stand</i> <i>Express the view</i> <i>Thesis, position, claim, statement</i>
Sequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relate steps in a process</li> <li>Express time relationships and actions within a larger event</li> </ul>	<i>First, Second</i> <i>Next, Later, Then</i> <i>Before/ After</i>	<i>While, Now, Finally</i> <i>Earlier</i> <i>For the past</i>	<i>Prior to</i> <i>Previously</i> <i>Since</i> <i>Eventually</i> <i>Subsequently</i>
Summarize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express main ideas and significant details</li> </ul>	<i>The author (story) tells/says</i> <i>Important because</i>	<i>In summary</i> <i>Explains, discusses</i>	<i>Illustrates, mentions, concludes, explores, focuses on</i>