

College Talk

- Make intentional decisions about word usage, such as “inflate” rather than “blow up.”
- Make a list of phrases or instructions that are used frequently in your classroom by teachers & students.
- Restate the information using more advanced language.
- Teach students the meanings of the “College Talk” phrases as you use them.
- Encourage students to use “College Talk.”
- Encourage students to be Word Detectives and bring examples of “College Talk” they hear outside of school.



Kid Talk	College Talk
Look at ...	Compare these ...
What will happen ...?	Predict what will happen ...
Place into groups ...	Classify ...
Work this problem ...	Analyze this problem ...
What do you think?	What conclusions ...?
How do you explain ...?	What hypothesis explains ...?
Stop talking.	Terminate the conversation.
test	assessment
Line up.	Arrange yourselves linearly.