

MIGHTY WORDS Task Cards

These 12 Mighty Words are frequently featured in standardized test questions as well as other critical thinking activities. These task cards will help your students learn how to apply each of the words. Be sure they understand the definitions of the words before using the cards. The Mighty Words are:

Trace	Support	Infer
Describe	Summarize	Predict
Explain	Compare*	Analyze
Formulate	Contrast	Evaluate

*Please Note that for this resource compare means to find similarities only.

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There are 4 sets of task cards with 24 cards in each set. Each word is featured twice in each set.

Set 1 (red) is designed to help students understand what to do when a specific Mighty Word is used in a question. Set 1 has a multiple choice format.

Set 2 (blue) requires students to apply the words to situations they are already familiar with. This will help them to focus on the meaning of the word and how it is applied rather than on trying to work out a challenging question.

Set 3 (Green) features short passages with Mighty Word questions. Students must read the passage and then answer a question about it. This set requires more rigor than set 2.

Fun with Fairytales (Purple) requires students to apply the Mighty Words to well known fairytales. This could be used with a folktale unit or just for extra practice. These might also be fun to do orally in partners or small groups.

Answer keys are included for all sets. For the last three sets, the answer keys are samples since the questions are somewhat open-ended and answers will vary. There are also student response sheets. There are two choices of response sheets for the last three sets. Another option is to have students record their answers on notebook paper or in interactive notebooks.



MIGHTY WORDS



Word	Definition	Related Words
Trace	List the steps in order.	sequence, order, outline, organize
Describe	Tell all about it - use details.	define, retell, visualize, elaborate
Explain	Tell how or why - make it easy to understand.	state, clarify, interpret
Formulate	Create a plan or strategy.	construct, develop, make, invent,
Support	Back up with reason and evidence.	prove, justify, cite, show, illustrate
Summarize	Make it shorter -tell only the important parts.	summary, sum up, condense, main idea
Compare	Tell all the ways they are the same.	same, alike, similar, in common
Contrast	Tell all the ways they are different.	different, distinguish, differentiate
Infer	Find what is not directly stated.	interpret, conclude, make an inference
Predict	Tell what will happen next.	guess, expect, project, prediction
Analyze	Break into parts and examine closely.	examine, explore, investigate, analysis
Evaluate	Judge the value or worth.	judge, assess, decide

PREVIEW



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Set 1



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Set 2



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Set 3



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Fun with Fairy Tales

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What should you do if you are asked to describe the main character of a story?

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Set 1

- a) tell how the character is similar to yourself.
- b) tell all about the character.
- c) tell something about the character that is not directly stated.

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What should you do if you are asked to formulate an experiment to show how sunlight effects plants.

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Set 1

- a) Create a plan for the experiment.
- b) Tell about the most important parts of the experiment.
- c) Tell what you think will happen when you perform the experiment.

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What should you do if you are asked to trace the lifecycle of a frog.

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Set 1

- a) Tell how a tadpole hatches and develops into a frog.
- b) Use lots of details to tell all about frogs.
- c) Tell about the different parts of a frog and how each part is used.

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What should you do if you are asked to summarize an article about endangered tigers?

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Set 1

- a) Give a detailed account of why the tigers are endangered.
- b) Tell why tigers are endangered. Cite the text to back up your answer.
- c) Tell only the most important parts of the article.

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Set 2

Do you think kids your age should have Smartphones? Support your answer.



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Set 2

Summarize the last book that you read.



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Set 2

Compare the main character in the last book you read to yourself.



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Set 2

Contrast the main character in the last book you read to yourself.



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Set 3

Emma opened her eyes, looked at the clock and sprung out of bed. She threw on her clothes, ran a brush hurriedly through her hair, and didn't even bother brushing her teeth. She grabbed a granola bar from the kitchen and sprinted toward the bus stop where the bus was just pulling up.

What can you infer about Emma?



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Set 3

Four-year old Max knew he should ask for help, but his mom was talking on the phone and he was really hungry. He poured the cereal into the bowl and only spilled a little. then he got the milk from the fridge. The carton was nearly full and really heavy. Max opened the carton and tipped it toward his bowl.

Predict what will happen next.



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Set 3

Everyone said I would love California, but they were wrong. I miss my old house in Minnesota. I miss my friends and I miss my school. I even miss the weather. It never snows here. You can wear shorts in the middle of winter. My mom didn't even unpack my hat and scarf.

Analyze this passage to find the tone (tell how the author feels.)



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Set 3

Dear Grandma,
Thank you so much for the video game you got me for my birthday. I have already played it with my best friend, Eli, and it was really fun! We played all afternoon. It was really nice of you to get me such a great gift.

Sincerely,
Nathan.

Evaluate this boy's thank you note to his grandmother.



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Fun with Fairy Tales 21

In the part of the story when Snow White takes the apple from the old peddler, what can you infer about Snow White?



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Fun with Fairy Tales 22

Predict what would have happened if Jack had not met the man selling magic beans in *Jack and the Beanstalk*.



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Fun with Fairy Tales 23

Analyze the story of *Snow White* and tell why it fits into the fairytale genre.



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Fun with Fairy Tales 24

Evaluate the story of *Hansel and Gretel*. Do you think this is a good story for small children?



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Set 1

Answer Key



1. b	2. a	3. a	4. c
5. a	6. c	7. c	8. b
9. a	10. c	11. b	12. c
13. b	14. a	15. b	16. a
17. c	18. b	19. a	20. c
21. a	22. c	23. a	24. c

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Challenge Card 1

Match each of the incorrect answer choices with the correct Power Word.



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Challenge Card 2

After you have identified what you should do, actually do it (complete the activity on the card.)



MIGHTY WORDS Set 2 Sample Answer Key Cards 1-12

Answers will vary by student, ability, and grade level.



<p><u>Card 1</u> 7:00 woke up 7:10 got dressed, brushed teeth 7:30 ate breakfast 7:45 walked to bus stop 8:00 caught bus 8:20 arrived at school 8:30 morning work - journal 9:00: writing workshop 10:00 morning recess 10:15 these task cards</p>	<p><u>Card 2</u> My perfect birthday party would take place at a pool because I love swimming. All of my friends would be there. We would play Marco Polo and dive off the diving board. Then we would dry off and have chocolate cake with chocolate frosting and also chocolate ice cream.</p>	<p><u>Card 3</u> Vegetables are good for you because they are full of vitamins and minerals, which are good for your body. They also have fiber, which is good for your digestion. Most vegetables also don't have a lot of calories or fat, so you can eat a lot of them at once.</p>	<p><u>Card 4</u> My mom and my step-dad both have super messy cars. My plan to earn extra money is to ask if they will pay me to clean them. I will get rid of all the junk, wipe down the dashboard, and vacuum the seats and floors. If I do a good job, maybe they will recommend me to some of our friends.</p>
<p><u>Card 5</u> Yes, I do think kids my age should have Smartphones. We need to be able to call our parents in case of an emergency. Also, being connected to the internet would help us to look things up for school. In addition, there are all kinds of educational apps that make learning fun.</p>	<p><u>Card 6</u> In <i>Wonder</i> by RJ Palacio, a boy who was born with a face that looks scary goes to school for the first time. He has trouble with a bully and lots of kids don't want to be his friend at first, but he makes two good friends and by the end of the year he wins a special award for being kind.</p>	<p><u>Card 7</u> August has a really great family and I also have a really great family. I have a big sister just like he does. I am also in the fifth grade like him. He had to move away from his best friend when he was little and my family also moved. He is also pretty smart and I am too!</p>	<p><u>Card 8</u> August really likes Star Wars and I don't care much about Science Fiction stuff. August also was born with lots of problems and I was born healthy. I think I am a nice person, but I don't think I am as nice as August. I also think August is much braver than I am.</p>
<p><u>Card 9</u> Jonah's shoes are really dirty. Some of the dirt looks like mud that has not dried yet. The only place we have mud on the playground is on the kickball field, so I can infer that Jonah was playing kickball during morning recess.</p>	<p><u>Card 10</u> I predict that the weather will be rainy and cold tomorrow because it is November and that is what the weather is like in Seattle and also that is what the weather is like today.</p>	<p><u>Card 11</u> A good friend should be nice because who wants a friend who is mean to you? They should also be someone you can trust to keep your secrets. A friend should also be fun to hang around with so that you won't be bored. They should know how to make you laugh and also laugh at your jokes.</p>	<p><u>Card 12</u> I think I am a good friend because I am a nice person. I try to consider other people's feelings. I am also very trustworthy. I think I am also fun to be with. I like to do all kinds of things like playing wall ball, swimming, and skating. I am also really good at making other people laugh.</p>

Name _____ Date _____

MIGHTY WORDS Set 1

Answer Sheet

1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.
13.	14.	15.	16.
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