

# Smarter Balanced English Language Arts Item and Task Specifications

Partial, Representative List of Tier 2 Words		
Likely to be in the 3-5 grade band	Likely to be in the 6-8 grade band	Likely to be in the 9-11 grade band
Different	assume	specify
important	identify	technique
choose	conclude*	compensate
faithful	alternative	arbitrary
stable*	consist	random
exactly	contribute	suffice
center	definite	verify
explain	distinct	perspective
excuse*	evident	pertinent
according	expand	evaluate
actually	indicate	feasible
bound*	individual	passive
declare	initial*	simultaneous
experience	intense	component
figure*	major*	formulate
fortunate	method	magnitude
gradually	publish	manipulate
necessary	structure	ultimate
ordinary	emphasize	criterion
measure*	illustrate	hypothesis
approach	exaggerate	fluctuate
period*	approximate	innovation
establish	complicate	respective
achieve	modify	subsequent
ignore	tradition	benevolent
select	transmit	malign
automatic	restrict	abstraction
concentrate*	negative*	coherent
construct	convert	emanate
consult	analyze	impervious
establish	consequent	succumb
demonstrate	impact	transitory
interpret	potential	empirical
obtain	precise	entity

\*designates homographs