

Academic Purpose Sorter Answer Key

- **Comparison:** similarly, contrast, perspective
- **Argument:** therefore, claim, evidence, assert, consequently, oppose, convincing
- **Description:** vivid, specific, detailed, texture, accurate
- **Emotion:** anxious, relieved, frustrated, hopeful, gloomy

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Review each category briefly and model sorting one word aloud by explaining its **purpose** in academic writing.
 - Emphasize that some words may seem flexible, but students should choose the **primary** function.
- **Differentiation**
 - Support: Provide sentence frames such as "This word is used to show..." before sorting.
 - Challenge: Ask students to justify one tricky word choice in a complete sentence.
- **Engagement**
 - Turn sorting into a quick group challenge where teams must agree on placement and explain their reasoning.
 - Have students color code each category after sorting to reinforce patterns.
- **Extension**
 - Students write one sentence per category using at least **two** words from that group correctly.
 - Connect to writing: Students highlight these functions in a current essay draft and label their purpose.