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Vocabulary In Disciplines Answer Key

Note: Some words may reasonably fit more than one subject if students can justify placement.

Possible Sort

- English Language Arts: analyze, argument, interpret, context
- Science: theory, model, process, evidence
- Mathematics: function, variable, structure
- Social Studies: source, evidence, context

Precision Check: Understanding disciplinary meaning prevents misunderstanding because the same word can signal different concepts, expectations, or levels of evidence depending on the subject.

Teacher's Guide

- **Instructional focus:** This worksheet builds **academic flexibility** by showing students that vocabulary meaning depends on discipline and context.
- **Differentiation:**
 - Allow struggling students to sort fewer words or work with a partner.
 - Challenge advanced students to place one word in two categories and defend both choices in writing.
- **Engagement:**
 - Use a class discussion to debate where words like **evidence** or **model** belong and why.
 - Ask students to recall where they have seen each word used in real assignments.
- **Extension ideas:**
 - Have students write one sentence per subject using the same word accurately.
 - Connect this task to upcoming readings by previewing vocabulary that will appear in multiple classes.