

## Effective Communication Objectives

### An effective communication objective has:

- Direct correlation to standards and content objective
- Tier 2 vocabulary that can be used across content areas
- Active verbs that describe the task students are asked to complete
- Specific grammar usage necessary to complete the task
- May be oral, written, or both

### Sample Communication Objective Frame

Students will \_\_\_\_\_(task)\_\_\_\_\_ using/citing (grammar/usage)\_ and/or (academic vocabulary).

### Some examples of active verbs to name the task:

articulate	defend	express	narrate	share
ask	define	identify	predict	state
compose	describe	justify	react to	summarize
compare	discuss	label	read	rephrase
contrast	elaborate	list	recite	revise
debate	explain	name	respond	write

### Specific grammar usage:

academic vocabulary	complete sentences	subject/verb agreement
precise adjectives	complex sentences	personal pronouns
citation verbs	clarifying questions	past-tense verbs
noun phrases	prepositional phrases	gerunds (verb + ing)

Communication objectives are most effectively communicated with **verb phrases** such as:

Students will **point out similarities between...**      Students will **articulate events in sequence...**  
Students will **debate the causes of...**                  Students will **state opinions about...**

### Examples of effective communication objectives in reading, writing or classroom discussions:

- Students will **articulate** main idea and details using **target vocabulary, main idea, detail**
- Students will **describe** a character's emotions using **precise adjectives**
- Students will **revise** a persuasive paragraph using **correct present and conditional verbs**
- Students will **justify** a position using **relevant details and complete sentences**
- Students will **report** a group consensus using **citation verbs: determined, concluded**
- Students will **restate** a partner's response using **paraphrasing expressions**

## How Do I Develop Communication Objectives?

What content  
do I want my  
students to  
learn?



What academic  
vocabulary will  
they need?



What is my  
communication  
objective?



How will my  
students  
communicate  
this learning?  
(task)



What  
grammatical  
structure/  
target  
vocabulary  
will the  
students  
use?

