

10 ELA TEST TERMS TO KNOW

1 CHOOSE: To select from a number of possibilities. Similar words: *select, pick, determine, identify.*

2 DEFINE: Meaning of a word, phrase; definition

3 COMPARE: Common characteristics, identify how things are *alike* or *similar*

4 CONTRAST: Characteristics that are *not alike*. Identify how things are *different*

5 SUMMARIZE: Give a brief overview of the main points

6 DESCRIBE: Present a clear picture of a person, place, thing or idea. Use details and sensory words!

7 EXPLAIN: Think about the five (5) W's and one (1) H. *Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How.*

8 CONCLUDE/CONCLUSION: To arrive at a decision, to close or bring to an end

9 INFER: "Read between the lines"; the answer is not clearly stated in the passage. Use knowledge and experience to draw conclusions.

10 MOST LIKELY: Best chances of happening