

SIP Vocabulary List

Elementary School

categorize: to put in groups according to unique (different) features

cause: the reason why something happens

change: to make different

climate: weather over a long period of time

characteristics: things that make a group unique (different) from others

compare: tell how things are alike

contrast: tell how things are different

cycles: a series of events that happen over and over again in a definite order

effect: the result of something happening

environment: the air, the water, the earth, and all other things around us

estimate: to find a number that is close to the exact number

experiment: a test or trial to discover or show something

habitat: the area or place where an animal or plant naturally lives or grows

hypothesis: a prediction about what is going to happen based on known facts

investigate: to look into carefully in order to uncover (find) facts or information

observe: to watch carefully

origin: the source from which something begins or comes

phases: the stages of development of a person or thing; the appearance of something at a particular time

record: the written facts about the activities and observations

variable: something that changes

weather: the condition of the atmosphere at a given time