

# 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