IMPROVING LITERACY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Vocabulary of key literacy terms



1.	Etymology is the study of the origin of words: from <i>etymon</i> 'true sense, original meaning' + <i>logia</i> 'study of'
2.	Morphology is the study of the structure and parts of words: from <i>morpho</i> 'form, shape' + <i>logia</i> 'study of'
3.	Phonology is the study of speech sounds and their meanings in a language: from <i>phono</i> 'sound, voice' + <i>logia</i> 'study of'
4.	Transcription is the physical process of handwriting or typing, and spelling: from <i>trans</i> 'across, beyond; over' + <i>scribere</i> 'to write'
5.	Composition is the way something is put together and arranged; in this context, a piece of written work: from <i>com</i> 'with, together' + <i>ponere</i> 'to place'
6.	Homophones are words which are pronounced the same but have different meanings, spelling or both: from <i>homos</i> 'same' + <i>phono</i> 'sound'
7.	Syntax is the arrangement of words and phrases in a sentence: from <i>syn</i> 'together' + <i>tassein</i> 'arrange'
8.	Synonyms are words which have the same or nearly the same meaning, within a language: from <i>syn</i> 'together, same' + <i>onyma</i> 'name'
9.	Antonyms are words which have the opposite or nearly the opposite meaning, within a language: from <i>anti</i> 'opposite, against' + <i>onyma</i> 'name'
10	. Dialogue use questions and answers as a method of examining something or finding a solution: from <i>dia</i> 'across, between' + <i>legein</i> 'speak'