

## Nonfiction Notice and Note Signposts

Signpost Name and Definition	Anchor Questions	Signal Words and Clues
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Contrast and Contradictions</u></b></p> <p>A difference between 2 or more things in a text (ideas, perspectives, events, situations etc.)</p>	<p><b>What is the difference, and why does it matter?</b></p>	<p>But, Although, Even though, on the other hand, nevertheless, still, by contrast, yet, unlike, otherwise, etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Extreme or Absolute Language</u></b></p> <p>Use of language that leaves no doubt about a situation or event, perhaps exaggerates or overstates a case.</p>	<p><b>Why does the author use this language?</b></p>	<p>All, always, indisputably, arguably, never, none, totally, unquestionably, hardest, meanest, hungriest, perfectly, completely, absolutely, unconditionally, entirely, exclusively</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Numbers and Stats</u></b></p> <p>Author uses numbers or words to show comparisons or create an image in the reader's mind.</p>	<p><b>Why did the author use these numbers and stats?</b></p>	<p>Dates, specific numerical amounts, majority, some, everyone, many, half, several, ratio, percent</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Quoted Words</u></b></p> <p>Quoting others directly as an expert or personal perspective.</p>	<p><b>Why was this person quoted or cited and what does this add?</b></p>	<p>“ _____ ”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Word Gaps</u></b></p> <p>Author uses words or phrases that the reader does not recognize or know yet.</p>	<p><b>Does this seem like technical talk for this topic? Can I use clues in the sentence to help me understand the word?</b></p>	<p>1) If the word looks familiar look for context clues*</p> <p>2) If the word is completely unknown look it up.</p> <p>*Context clues: look at the surrounding sentences to infer a definition                      -definitions    -examples    -non-examples</p>