Command Verbs

Analyse Separate information into components and identify their characteristics.

Apply Put into effect in a recognised way.

Argue Present a reasoned case.

Assess Make an informed judgement.

Comment Present an informed opinion.

Compare Identify similarities.

Consider Review and respond to given information.

Contrast Identify differences.

Criticise Assess worth against explicit expectations.

Debate Present different perspectives on an issue.

Deduce Draw conclusions from information provided.

Define Specify meaning.

Describe Set out characteristics.

Discuss Present salient points.

Estimate Assign an approximate value.

Evaluate Judge from available evidence.

Examine Investigate closely.

Explain Set out purposes or reasons.

Explore Investigate without preconceptions.

Illustrate Present clarifying examples.

Identify Name or otherwise characterise.

Justify Present a reasoned case.

Interpret Translate information into recognisable form.

Outline Set out main characteristics.

Prove Demonstrate validity on the basis of evidence.

Relate Demonstrate interconnections.

Review Survey information.

State Express in unequivocal terms.

Summarise Present principal points without detail.