

Instruction words

Word	Meaning
analyse	Describe, give reasons and discuss, explain
assess	Decide and give your reasons
classify	Put into groups
comment on	Explain why something is important
compare	Describe what is the same
contrast	Describe what is different
consider	Think carefully about
criticise	Discuss and say what the faults are
distinguish between	Say what the differences are
elaborate	Write in detail, with reasons and examples.
evaluate	Decide the importance and give reasons
express	Show and describe
identify	Name and describe
indicate	Show, explain
illustrate	Give examples with your answer
justify	Give good reasons for, explain
list	Put in a sequence
mention	Describe briefly
outline	Give the main points
summarise	Give the main points
state	Say fully and clearly
relate	Say what happened
suggest	Give your ideas
trace	Outline and describe