

Account for

state reasons for,  
report on

Analyse

Identify components  
and the relationship  
between them; draw out  
and relate implications

Apply

Use, utilise, employ  
in a particular  
situation

Appreciate

Make a judgement  
about the value of

Assess

Make a judgement of  
value, quality, outcomes,  
results or size

Calculate

Determine from given facts, figures or information

Clarify

Make clear or plain

Classify

Arrange or include in classes or categories

Compare

Show how things are similar or different

Construct

Make; build; put together items or arguments

Contrast

Show how things are different or opposite

Critically analyse

Add a degree or level of accuracy depth, knowledge and understanding, logic, questioning, reflection and quality to analyse

Critically evaluate

Add a degree or level of accuracy depth, knowledge and understanding, logic, questioning, reflection and quality to evaluate

Deduce

Draw conclusions

Define

State meaning and identify essential qualities

Demonstrate

Show by example

Describe

Provide  
characteristics and  
features

Distinguish

Recognise or indicate as  
being distinct or  
different from; to note  
differences between

Evaluate

Make a judgement  
based on criteria or  
determine the value of

Examine

Inquire into

Explain	Relate cause and effect; make the relationships between things evident; provide why and/or how
Extract	Choose relevant and/or appropriate details
Extrapolate	Infer from what is known
Give an account of	narrate a series of events or transactions
Identify	Recognise and name

Interpret

Draw meaning from

Investigate

Plan, inquire into  
and draw  
conclusions about

Justify

Support an  
argument or  
conclusion

Outline

Sketch in general  
terms

Predict

Suggest what may  
happen based on  
available information

Propose

Put forward (for example a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action

Recall

Present remembered ideas, facts or experiences

Recommend

Provide reasons in favour

Recount

Retell a series of events

Summarise

Express, concisely, the relevant details

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Synthesise

Putting together  
various elements to  
make a whole

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