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# INTERNATIONAL GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Command words

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## INTRODUCTION

Command words are the words and phrases used in exams and other assessment tasks that tell students how they should answer the question. The following command words list contains words and their meanings that are relevant to this subject:

### **Discuss/Argue**

Present a reasoned case

### **Comment**

Present an informed opinion

### **Compare**

Identify and comment on similarities and/or differences

### **Describe**

Give an effective, detailed account

### **Examine**

Investigate closely

### **Explain**

Give reasons



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