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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:

### **Assess**

Make an informed judgement.

### **Calculate**

Work out the value of something.

### **Compare**

Identify similarities and differences.

### **Complete**

Finish the task by adding given information.

For example, 'Complete the following sentences':

### **Describe**

Set out characteristics.

### **Discuss**

Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.

### **Evaluate**

Judge from available evidence.

### **Explain**

Set out purposes or reasons.

### **Give**

Produce an answer from recall.

### **Identify**

Name or otherwise characterise.

### **Justify**

Support a case with evidence.

### **Outline**

Set out main characteristics.

### **State**

Express in clear terms.

**Suggest**

Present a possible case.

**To what extent**

Judge the importance or success of (strategy, scheme, project).

**Use evidence to support this statement**

To select and present information to prove or disprove something.



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