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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.

Comment

Present an informed opinion.

Complete

Finish a task by adding to given information.

Describe

Set out characteristics.

Draw

Produce a diagram.

Differentiate

Find the derivative of.

Estimate

Assign an approximate value.

Factorise

Take out the common factor or factorise into two brackets if a quadratic.

Give

Produce an answer from recall.

Measure

Use a mathematical instrument, such as a ruler or protractor, to establish the size of a length or angle.

Multiply

Add to itself a specified number of times.

Plot

Mark on a graph.

Prove

Demonstrate validity on the basis of evidence.

Rotate

Turn around a fixed point.

Shade

Darken an area of a diagram.

Show

Provide structured evidence to reach a conclusion

Simplify

Collect terms together or cancel down.

Simplify fully

Collect terms together and factorise the answer, or cancel terms completely.

Solve

Arrive at answer using a numerical or algebraic method.

Translate

Move laterally without rotating or flipping.

Work out

Perform one or a set of steps or calculations to arrive at an answer.



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