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Design and Technology: Product Design (9252)

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:

Analyse

Separate information into parts to identify their characteristics (AO3).

Apply

Put into effect in a recognised way (AO4).

Calculate

Work out the value of something (AO4).

Choose (also see complete)

Select from a list or option (AO3).

Compare

Identify similarities and differences (AO3).

Complete

Finish a task by adding to given information (AO4).

Consider

Review and respond to given information (AO3).

Contrast

Identify differences (AO3).

Define

Specify meaning (AO4).

Describe

Set out characteristics (AO4).

Discuss

Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea (AO3).

Evaluate

Judge from available evidence (AO3).

Examine

Investigate closely (AO3).

Explain

Set out purpose or reasons (AO4).

Give

Produce an answer from recall, including examples if required (AO4).

How (far)

Work out the correct answer (AO4).

Identify

Name or otherwise characterise (AO4).

Justify

Support a case with evidence (AO3).

Name

Give the correct title or term (AO4).

Outline

Set out main characteristics (AO4).

Repeat (the pattern)

Maths specific; repeat a given pattern (AO4).

Select

Choose the correct answer (AO4).

State

Express clearly and briefly (AO4).

What (is)

Give the correct information (AO4).

Which

Select or give the correct information (AO4).