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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:

Analyse

Look at the information provided and break it down to identify and interpret the main points being raised.

Apply

Put into effect in a recognised way.

Assess

Make an informed judgement.

Calculate

Provide mathematical answers.

Define

Specify meaning.

Describe

Set out characteristics.

Discuss

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

Draw

Produce a diagram.

Evaluate

Judge from available evidence.

Explain

Set out purposes or reasons.

Identify

Name/state or characterise.

Justify

Support a case with evidence.

Label

Provide appropriate names on a diagram.

Recommend

Give advice on the best option, based on an evaluation of their respective merits.

State

Express clearly and briefly.

What is meant by...?

Give a definition.