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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.

Compare

Identify similarities and/or differences.

Complete

Finish a task by adding to given information.

Consider

Review and respond to the information given.

Create

Make an original product.

Define

Specify the meaning.

Devise

Plan and create.

Explain

Set out purposes or reasons demonstrating knowledge and understanding.

Give

Produce an answer from recall or from information provided.

How far do you agree

Provide a clear argument or evaluation relating to the main points raised in the question.

How useful are

Provide a clear judgement or evaluation relating to the main points raised in the question.

Identify

Name or characterise.

Include

Add further information as specified.

Name

Identify using a recognised term or example.

Outline

Set out main characteristics.

Present

Create a finished version in an appropriate form.

Refer to

Provide specific examples from the areas of study identified.

State

Express in clear terms.