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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:

Advise

Recommend an appropriate choice or course of action.

Analyse

Separate information into components and identify their characteristics.

Assess

Make an informed judgement.

Calculate

Work out the value of something.

Complete

Finish a task by adding to given information.

Consider

Review and respond to given information.

Describe

Set out characteristics.

Evaluate

Judge from available evidence.

Explain

Set out purposes of reasons.

Identify

Name or otherwise characterise.

Prepare

Present information using appropriate formats.

Record

Make entries in accounts or accounting statements from source documents or given information.

State

Express clearly and briefly.

Which/what/where/how much ...?

Select from alternatives.

What is meant by... ?

Give a definition.