



Command words

Word in own language

Analyse	Separate information into components and identify their characteristics.	
Apply	Put into effect in a recognised way.	
Argue	Present a reasoned case.	
Assess	Make an informed judgement.	
Calculate	Work out the value of something.	
Comment	Present an informed opinion.	
Compare	Identify similarities and differences.	
Complete	Finish a task by adding to given information.	
Consider	Review and respond to given information.	
Contrast	Identify differences.	
Criticise	Assess worth against explicit expectations.	
Debate	Present different perspectives on an issue.	
Deduce	Draw conclusions from information provided.	

Define	Specify meaning.	
Describe	Set out characteristics.	
Develop	Take forward or build upon given information.	
Discuss	Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.	
Estimate	Assign an approximate value.	
Evaluate	Judge from available experience.	
Examine	Investigate closely.	
Explain	Set out purposes or reasons.	
Explore	Investigate without preconceptions about the outcome.	
Give	Produce an answer from recall.	
Identify	Name or otherwise characterise.	
Illustrate	Present clarifying examples.	
Interpret	Translate information into recognisable form.	
Justify	Support a case with evidence.	
Name	Give the correct title or term.	

Outline	Set out main characteristics.	
Prove	Demonstrate connections between items.	
Relate	Demonstrate connections between items.	
Review	Survey information.	
State	Express clearly and briefly.	
Suggest	Present a possible case/solution.	
Which	Select or give the correct information.	