



Action Verbs by Cognitive Level

Action verbs organized into the six cognitive levels outlined in Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Arrange Choose Copy Define Describe Duplicate Find	Identify Label List Locate Match Memorize Name	Omit Order Quote Recall Recite Recognize Relate	Repeat Reproduce Select Spell State Tell
Understand	Arrange Associate Clarify Classify Compare Contrast Defend Describe Differentiate	Discuss Exemplify Explain Express Grasp Identify Illustrate Indicate Infer	Interpret Locate Paraphrase Organize Outline Recognize Reorganize Rephrase	Report Restate Review Rewrite Select Summarize Transform Translate
Apply	Apply Appraise Break down Calculate Choose Classify Compute Construct Contrast	Criticize Demonstrate Determine Develop Diagnose Dramatize Employ Estimate Examine	Execute Formulate Give examples Identify Illustrate Implement Interpret Make use of Manipulate	Modify Operate Practice Schedule Sketch Solve Use Utilize
Analyze	Analyze Break down Calculate Categorize Change Classify Combine Compare Contrast Criticize Debate	Deduce Derive Diagram Differentiate Discriminate Discuss Dissect Distill Distinguish Divide Examine	Experiment Extrapolate Formulate Identify assumptions Illustrate Induce Inspect Investigate Figure Find	Model Modify Organize Predict Probe Question Simplify Sketch Solve Survey Test
Evaluate	Agree Appraise Argue Assess Award Challenge Check Choose Conclude Convince Criticize	Critique Debate Decide Defend Detect Discount Discredit Disprove Dispute Estimate	Evaluate Judge Justify Monitor Predict Prioritize Persuade Qualify Rank Rate	Recommend Rule on Score Select Support Test Validate Value Verify Weigh
Create	Adapt Arrange Assemble Build Change Collect Compose Conclude Construct Create	Design Develop Devise Discover Estimate Extend Formulate Forward Generalize Imagine	Infer Integrate Invent Make up Manage Modify Organize Originate Plan Posit	Predict Prepare Produce Propose Rearrange Set up Suppose Theorize Transform Verify

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