

Acceptable Verbs to Use When Writing Objectives

This list is composed of suggestions of acceptable verbs (when they are used properly), but is not inclusive or limiting. Words such as 'understand' may not be used.

Knowledge

Define | Describe | Express |
Identify | Label | List | Locate |
Match | Name | Outline | Recall | Recognize |
Record | Relate | Repeat | Report |
Reproductive | Restate |
Select | State | Tell |
Underline

Analysis

Abstract | Analyze | Appraise | Audit |
Breakdown | Calculate | Category | Compare |
Contrast | Criticize | Debate | Determine |
Diagram | Differentiate | Discuss | Distinguish |
Edit | Examine | Experiment | Explain |
Identify | Illustrate | Infer | Inspect | Inventory |
Investigate | Outline | Point out | Question |
Relate | Review | Select | Separate | Solve |
Subdivide | Test

Comprehension

Convert | Defend | Distinguish |
Estimate | Extend | Generalize | Give |
Example | Infer | Interpret | Paraphrase |
Predict | Recognize | Review | Rewrite |
Summarize | Translate

synthesis

Advise | Arrange | Assemble | Assembly |
Categorize | Collect | Combine | Communicate |
Compile | Compose | Conduct | Construct |
Contribute | Coordinate | Counsel | Create |
Design | Develop | Devise | Establish write |
Explain | Formulate | Gather | Generate |
Incorporate | Instruct | Manage | Modify |
Organize | Plan | Prepare | Propose | Rearrange |
Recognize | Recommend | Reconstruct |
Relate | Review | Setup | Summarize |
Supervise | Tell | Update

Application

Apply | Carry out | Change | Code | Comply |
Demonstrate | Discover | Dramatize | Employ |
Follow | Follow up | Illustrate | Interview |
Maintain | Manipulate | Modify | Operate |
Perform | Practice | Predict | Prepare | Produce |
Relate | Respond | Retrieve | Schedule |
Screen | Shop | Show | Sketch | Solve |
Transcribe | Translate | Use

Evaluation

Appraise | Assess | Audit | Choose | Conclude |
Contrast | Criticize | Deduct | Describe |
Discriminate | Enforce | Estimate | Evaluate |
Explain | Judge | Justify | Measure | Monitor |
Rate | Relate | Review | Revise | Score | Select |
Summary | Support | Value