

Worksheet 7: Command words

Match the following command words to their explanations. Each command word can be used only once.

Describe

Calculate

Discuss

State

Analyse

Identify

Explain

Define

Give

Command word	Explanation and guidance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> examine in detail to show meaning, identify elements and the relationship between them answer questions like how/why use linking devices such as 'thus', 'therefore', 'as a result', 'leading to', 'because', 'since', etc. construct reasoned arguments by linking two or more points together
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work out from given facts, figures or information include the unit of measurement if necessary mind the year / period referred to in the question write the formula first and then substitute
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give precise meaning keep your answer short and concise one sentence should be enough examples are not credited, unless the question specifically asks you for one
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> state the points of a topic / give characteristics and main features outline rather than analyse
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> write about issue(s) or topic(s) in depth in a structured way such questions require longer, more detailed answers answer must be two-sided include detailed analysis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> set out purposes or reasons / make the relationships between things evident / provide why and/or how and support with relevant evidence provide examples
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> produce an answer from a given source or recall / memory short answer required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> name/select/recognise short and specific answer required answers may have to come from a source material, not your own ideas / knowledge no need to explain your answer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> express in clear terms no need to explain your answer