

## Worksheet 7: Command words answers

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