

Command Terms to Understand

- Analyze—determine the component parts; examine their nature and relationship.
- Assess/Evaluate—judge the value or character of something; appraise; evaluate the positive points and the negative ones; give an opinion regarding the value of; discuss the advantages and disadvantages of.
- Compare—examine for the purpose of noting similarities and differences.
- Contrast—examine in order to show dissimilarities or points of difference.
- Describe—give an account of; tell about; give a word picture of.
- Discuss—talk over; write about; consider or examine by argument or from various points of view; debate; present the different sides of.
- Explain—make clear or plain; make clear the causes or reasons for; make known in detail; tell the meaning of.
- Identify—cite specific events and phenomena, and show a connection.
- To what extent—the range over which something extends; scope; the point, degree, or limit to which something extends; magnitude.