

Glossary of examination words

Term	Definition
Analyse	Look very closely at the detail.
Compare	Say how things are the same and different.
Illustrate	Give examples to make your points clear. It can also mean to use diagrams, drawings or figures to support your answer.
Outline	Describe without too much detail. Give the main features of.
State	Present the information clearly but briefly.
Summarise	Using your own words, bring together the main points without including detail or examples.
Review	Go over the whole thing picking out the important parts to give your opinion on.
Calculate	A numerical answer is required. Show your working.
Clarify	Make it simple and clear.
Comment on	Give your opinions or point of view.
Consider	Take into account. What are your thoughts about it?
Define	You must describe a phenomenon by clear and accurate statement of key relevant facts.
Demonstrate	Show using lots of examples.
Describe	Give a detailed account of something as it is. You do not need to give your opinion on it.
Discuss	Give the important reasons for and against and come to some conclusion from these.
Contrast	Show how things are different.
Explain	Make the information clear by giving reasons for it.
Predict	Use some given information to say what is going to happen as a likely result
Outline	Brief notes are needed about the most important parts.
Suggest	Using information in the question you have to decide a possible solution or outcome to a problem or situation.