

MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THESE WORDS

These words are used frequently in assessment topics across the curriculum.

Account: this requires you to state the reasons for your decision.

Analyse: this requires you to identify components and the relationship(s) between them, or to draw out and relate implications.

Assess: this requires you to make a judgement about value, quality, outcome or results

Classify: this requires you to group things into categories. Thus pure substances can be divided into elements and compounds.

Compare: this requires you to show how things are similar or different.

Contrast: this requires you to show how things are different.

Define: this requires you to state the meaning of a term.

Describe: this requires you to provide characteristics and features of substances, processes or concepts.

Demonstrate: this requires you to show, with an example, that a statement, concept or data is true or consistent.

Discuss: this requires you to describe and explain the evidence for and against the question (sometimes a statement or quote) under consideration.

Distinguish: this requires you to recognise differences between objects, processes and concepts.

Evaluate: this requires you to make a judgement based on criteria.

Explain: This requires you to provide reasons for why or how a process occurs or to make the relationship between things clear.

Extrapolate: this requires you to make an inference from what is known.

Outline: this requires you to indicate briefly the main features of the concept or procedure.

Predict: this requires you to suggest a result or outcomes based on evidence.

Select: this requires you to make the correct choice.

