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.