

**Common 'Instruction' words**

<b>Analyse</b>	To examine a subject in detail in order to discover meaning and essential features
<b>Assess</b>	Judge the value of the subject in certain terms.
<b>Compare</b>	Look for similarities and differences between.
<b>Contrast</b>	Set in opposition in order to bring out differences.
<b>Criticise</b>	Give your judgement about the merit of theories or opinions or about the truth of facts, and support your judgement by a discussion of the evidence.
<b>Define</b>	Set down the precise meaning of a word or phrase. Show that the distinctions implied in the definition are necessary.
<b>Describe</b>	Give a detailed or graphic account.
<b>Discuss</b>	Investigate or examine by argument; sift and debate, giving pros and cons.
<b>Evaluate</b>	Make an appraisal of the worth of something, in the light of its truth or utility; include to a lesser degree your personal opinion.
<b>Examine</b>	Inspect or scrutinise a subject carefully.
<b>Explain</b>	Make plain, interpret, and account for.
<b>Illustrate</b>	Use a figure or diagram to explain or clarify, or make clear by the use of concrete examples.
<b>Interpret</b>	Expound the meaning of; make clear and explicit, usually also giving your own judgement.
<b>Justify</b>	Show adequate grounds for decisions or conclusions.
<b>Outline</b>	Give the main features or general principles of a subject, omitting minor details and emphasizing structure and arrangement.
<b>Relate</b>	Link two subjects together (in as unique a manner as possible)
<b>Review</b>	Make a survey of, examining the subject critically.
<b>State</b>	Present in brief, clear form.
<b>Summarise</b>	Give a concise account of the chief points or substance of a matter, omitting details and examples.
<b>To what extent...</b>	Assignments including this phrase ask you to make your own judgement as to which factors affect a subject more or less.
<b>Trace</b>	Follow the development or history of a topic from some point of origin.