



Directive Verb	Answer requires you to...
Analyse	To look for the meaning by examining closely in detail and methodically.
Compare	To highlight or measure the similarities and differences between 2 or more items.
Compare and contrast	To highlight or measure the similarities and differences between 2 or more items. This differs from just 'compare' in emphasising to show differences as well as similarities.
Define	To give the precise meaning, nature or scope.
Describe	To say what something is like in as much detail as possible.
Elaborate	To expand or give further explanation to something detailed or complex.
Exemplify	To clarify with an example.
Explain	To make clear by extracting the relevant facts or ideas.
Illustrate	To explain using an example.
Justify	To prove or to show why something is right.
List	To arrange in order or ascertain the importance of items in a group.
Name	To give the word/s by which something is referred to.
Outline	To say what something is like in as much detail as relevant: a general description.
Provide	To supply information or explanation to support an idea.
State	To clearly specify the key ideas without being overly descriptive.